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A 34-year-old mother from As Lito said yesterday their household's food stamp benefits drastically dropped from $47 to $15 a month, a huge disappointment at a time when the prices of milk and other basic goods have gone up while work hours have been cut.

"I thought $20 a month was the lowest benefit which I saw from others, until we started receiving only $15 a month, just enough to buy chocolate milk packs for my child. I am hoping that they will at least bring back our benefit amount to $47 which is not a huge amount to begin with," the mother told *Saipan Tribune*. She asked that her name be withheld for fear that their household benefits may be further cut or worse, cancelled.

Hers and other households have seen decreases in their food stamp benefits.

Yet unknown to many, the CNMI government reported to the federal government over $420,000 in "leftover" food stamp money in fiscal year 2012, which ended on Sept. 30.

The administration wants to use that "leftover" money to hire at least eight limited-term employees and renovate or expand DCCA's existing Nutrition Assistance Program office, based on a request sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA funds the food stamp program and it is administered locally by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

The NAP office has been expanded and renovated. A space previously oc-

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438 'inactive' bank accounts face transfer to govt

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At least 438 "inactive" bank accounts in Bank of Guam and First Hawaiian Bank may be transferred to the Commonwealth Treasury as early as January 2013 in compliance with a nine-month-old law allowing the CNMI government to have access to dormant and inactive bank accounts and unclaimed funds for depositors' accounts.

The two banks issued yesterday a notice and list of the names of the 438 bank accounts that have been inactive for three years or more as of June 30, 2012. These include savings, checking, and other types of accounts on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

Rep. Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), author of the bill that became Public Law 17-69 or The Escheat Act of 2011, said yesterday there may be hundreds more

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TRICK OR TREAT

Children visit one of the booths at the Annual Trunk or Treat tradition of the American Memorial Park on Wednesday to get candies. Some 2,500 Halloween revelers young and old alike dressed up in colorful and interesting costumes for the event. This is the sixth year that organizers succeeded in accommodating trick-or-treaters at the park.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Crowds throng islands' cemeteries for annual visit

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Domie Camacho Govendo has been visiting the Chalan Kanoa cemetery for about a week now, sprucing up the tombs of her departed loved ones in preparation for All Saints' Day yesterday and All Souls' Day today.

"It's one of those special occasions [that] you look forward to and make sure that your deceased loved ones are remembered and cared for," said Govendo while enjoying the shade of the tree by the burial place of her mother, Monica C. Duenas, who passed away in 2005.

Govendo was among the throngs of Catholic faithful who flocked to cemeteries throughout the CNMI yesterday, putting up with the scorching heat of the sun to offer prayers and pay respects to relatives and friends who have passed on.

The Dandan resident, who arrived at the cemetery at 8:30am, said visiting the graves of dead loved ones has become a longstanding and very important tradi-

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Tanapag Elementary School hails Edgar as its educator of the year

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Instructor of the Year

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Support Staff
of the Year

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Editor's Note: This story is part of a series of articles that Saipan Tribune *is publishing in support of the celebration of Education Month by the Public School System.*

Tanapag Elementary School has recognized three individuals who were chosen by their peers as the institution's most outstanding employees this year.

Elsa Edgar was adjudged as the school's Teacher of the Year awardee, while Juan L. Somol and Florenzo Q. Babauta were named as the school's Support Staff of the Year and Instructor of the Year, respectively. The three will represent Tanapag in the Public School System's search for overall education awardees later this month.

Edgar started working as a special education teacher at Tanapag in 2009. She started out as a teacher substitute until she completed the requirements and was permanently named to the position a year later.

The mother of two admitted that becoming a teacher was never her dream at all, being an accounting graduate. But she believes now that teaching is her "real" calling. In her five years at PSS, she shared feelings of satisfaction and fulfillment in her new profession.

Edgar said her greatest motivation and inspiration is her 12-year-old nephew, who was diagnosed with autism. Since then, she made the effort to know more about his needs and wants and how one can adjust to the child's behavior. Edgar later obtained a master's degree in special education.

Edgar said the honor of being named the school's best teacher is unexpected but she is grateful for the vote of confidence. Edgar believes that she is a team player, a committed teacher, and a devoted "mother" to all 14 "children" she has in school.

Tanapag, meanwhile, bestowed its Instructor of the Year award on Babauta, an instructor for the Chamorro/Carolinian Heritage Language Studies.

Babauta started serving PSS in 1994 as a physical education instructor at San Vicente Elementary School. Two years later, he joined Tanapag's PE program until he took over the CCHLS program. This is the fourth time Babauta was hailed by Tanapag as its best instructor of the year. Babauta, 43, is a father of five children.

Hailed as the school's Support Staff of the Year is Somol, the school building maintenance for 21 years. This year marks Somol's seventh time to receive the honor from Tanapag. Somol, 55, is a father to seven kids.

MONETH G. DEPOSA
Public School System and Board of Education officials award Willaim S. Reyes Elementary School "heroes" Arnold Mendiola and Jesus Aquino certificates of appreciation for their help in the successful recovery of stolen school materials and for the arrest of burglary suspects recently.

PSS hails WSR 'heroes'

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The Public School System hailed two of what it described as "heroes" of William S. Reyes Elementary School after they helped in the successful recovery of some school items that were recently stolen from the campus.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., and the Board of Education led by chair Marylou S. Ada awarded plaques of appreciation to maintenance staffers Arnold Mendiola and Jesus Aquino, both employees at William S. Reyes Elementary School.

WSR principal *Naomi Nishimura* told *Saipan Tribune* that the two employees voluntarily conducted the investigation on the burglary and used their personal time to search for the missing school items and materials.

Nishimura said the school is very appreciative of the due diligence, dedication, and loyalty of both Mendiola and Aquino, who have both been serving the school for many years.

In this time of economic hardship for the public schools, recovered items are very important in the day-to-day operation of the school, Nishimura said. WSR, due to budget constraint, has no security aide, which she said is now being addressed by the system.

The recent incident was just among the series of burglaries that occurred at WSR. The school lost some laptops, projectors, and other important technologies to five burglaries on campus since August this year.

Burglars last broke into the WSR main office and maintenance storage room on Aug. 27 and stole two bush cutters and a large bundle of copper wires that the school uses on Family Fund night every February.

The burglary was discovered when the maintenance personnel reported to work at 6:30am and found the storage door open. Because copper wires were stolen, the staff drove to a nearby Triple Star Recycling Center in As Perdido to investigate.

At Triple Star, the maintenance staff found on the floor a bundle of copper wires weighing 46 kilos that they positively identified as WSR property. Through the transaction receipts, two teenagers were later apprehended for the crime.

2 of 3 suspected burglars at Sen. Crisostimo's apartment arrested

Police arrested early this week two of three persons who allegedly conspired to burglarize an apartment building on Navy Hill owned by Sen. Luis Crisostimo (R-Saipan).

Momilani Phillip, 20, and Vincent SN. Norita, 27, were arrested Tuesday for burglary and theft.

At Wednesday's hearing, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo imposed a $2,500 cash bail for Phillip and $3,500 cash bail for Norita.

Police identified the third suspect as Benter Juella Castro, 37. As of press time yesterday, it was not clear whether he had been arrested.

The suspects allegedly stole a black Gateway laptop, a digital Vivitar camera, a black G-Shock watch, a red Aluma wallet, and a brown coin bag containing $10 in coins.

Police said a police officer responded to Sen. Crisostimo's apartment last Sept. 30 where a burglary and theft incident occurred at one of the units.

Police investigation showed that an occupant discovered that their room was burglarized after noticing that the kitchen window was damaged and the kitchen door was slightly open at 6:30am on Sept. 30.

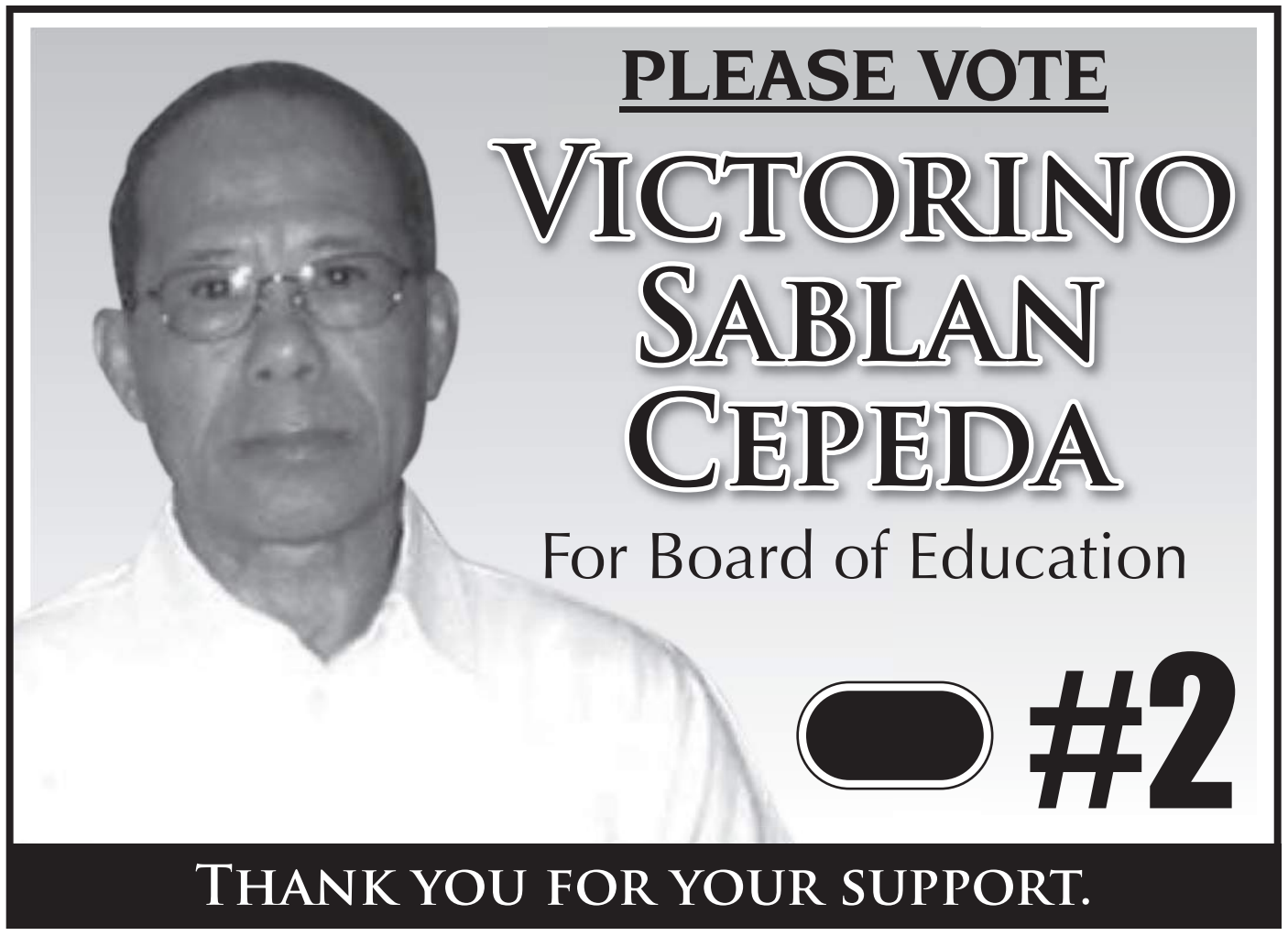
The occupant learned that their laptop in the living room had been stolen so she woke up her husband.

After doing an inventory, the couple discovered that more items were missing.

The occupant asked another person to view a surveillance camera footage that captured two men and a woman.

The person positively identified the woman in the footage as Phillip by the way she walks. Two other persons identified Phillip in the footage.

Police said that in a later interview, Phillip confessed that she, Norita, and Castro were first drinking at her house then proceeded to burglarize the apartment. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



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Illegal gambling case vs businessman dismissed

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Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo dismissed yesterday a criminal case filed in 2007 charging Japanese businessman Hideo Kato with 116 counts for illegal gambling operation in western Garapan.

Govendo dismissed with prejudice the case against 76-year-old Kato after the Office of the Attorney General moved to drop the information charging him with 58 counts of illegal gambling activity and 58 counts of unlawful employment of aliens.

Assistant attorney general Shelli Neal moved to dismiss the case after Kato agreed not to try to retrieve the items and $11,933 cash that were seized during the raid in 2007.

Dismissed with prejudice means the case cannot be reopened.

Kato's jury trial was supposed to start on Nov. 7.

In an interview, Kato said he is happy that the case is finally over, but also feels sad because he was detained in 2007 at the old jail where he spent eight days without a blanket.

"I had no intent to conduct illegal gambling. I believe it was legal because I had all the permits and license and that it was former governor Froilan Tenorio who introduced me to this game," he said.

Kato said he and Tenorio's intent was to help the people of the CNMI with the legal "charity casino" to help poor people pay their electric bills.

Kato said because of this case, his plan to encourage retirees from Japan to stay on Saipan was stopped.

Now that the case is over, the businessman said he will continue his plan to invite retirees to stay on the island.

The Attorney General's Investigative Unit raided an alleged illegal gambling casino at the Victoria Hotel in Garapan on Aug. 24, 2007.

The raiding team reportedly seized $11,933 cash, tables, chairs, and gambling paraphernalia.

The Office of the Attorney General then charged Kato and businessman Byoong Seob Choi. In 2009, Choi pleaded a "no contest" to two counts of unlawful employment of aliens and was sentenced to three years' probation.

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cupied by a beauty parlor beside the NAP office is now part of the food stamp office.

"I wish they would use that money to give us a little more to buy more food," the 34-year-old mother said.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), in a separate statement yesterday, hopes the CNMI government would use the leftover fiscal year 2012 food stamp funds "to give a one-time bonus to those receiving the federal food aid."

"I understand that there may be several hundred thousand dollars in unspent FY12 food stamp money. That money should have been paid out in benefits," he said.

DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao, in response to questions about the over $420,000 leftover food stamp money, said yesterday that he finds Sablan to be "very incoherent or totally confused."

Faisao went to explain a report titled, "A Responsive Food Stamp Program in the CNMI" which he said was by James M. Pine.

Faisao said under Section II, under OMB CNMI Standards, "Pine recommended that food cost for household sizes other than paradigmatic (model) family of four be adjusted for the purpose of allotment of food stamps."

"As noted, maximum benefit amounts are determined by adjusting the per capita Thrifty Food Plan amount for a four-person household in accordance with household size. In essence, Maximum Benefit for Household with fewer than four people will be moderately greater per member; while maximum benefit for Household with more than four persons will be slightly less per member…" he said.

The DCCA secretary went on to ask Sablan: "Why was this report not thoroughly analyzed by you when it was presented in the Halls of the U.S. Congress? My only suggestion is that it is a political ploy in disguise, in addition, Delegate Kilili is a failing leader!"

Faisao made no mention of the hundreds of thousands in leftover food stamp money that Sablan said could be used for benefits. The CNMI has some 10,000 food stamp beneficiaries.

"I certainly hope that the local government will now be giving that money to families who need food and not hiring more employees, buying new vehicles, or refurbishing offices," Sablan said.

In May, the CNMI decided to cut benefits below the budgeted amount for fiscal year 2012. As a result, a significant amount of grant money remains unused.

The cut was some $10 below the budgeted amount, just months after USDA pointed out that the CNMI was paying more than the agreed amount.

Sablan said after the CNMI government had to return $4.5 million in unspent food stamp grants a year ago, the memorandum of understanding governing the grant was amended so that unspent funds would not have to be returned to the federal government.

The delegate also expressed anew his disappointment that the governor had signed a grant agreement with U.S. Department of Agriculture officials for fiscal year 2013 that is $1 million less than the 2012 grant.

"Given that Congress has appropriated $13 million for FY13, I hope the governor will reconsider his decision to accept just $12 million this year. Our hungry families need that extra money," Sablan said.

Sablan is seeking re-election. The only other delegate candidate is Dr. Ignacia Demapan of the Republican Party, which Gov. Benigno R. Fitial heads. Sablan and Fitial do not see eye to eye on a host of local and federal issues.

'Farm bill'

In a statement, Sablan said the CNMI could see a $33-million food stamp increase, if Republican Majority Leader Eric Cantor brings the long-delayed "Farm Bill" to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives during the post-election lame duck session of Congress.

Cantor, appearing at a Boise, Idaho campaign event for Republican Rep. Raul Labrador this week, made the commitment to get the Farm Bill onto the floor of the House for a vote after Nov. 6.

"Mr. Cantor's announcement is good news for the Northern Marianas. The $33 million, five-year pilot program that we included in the Farm Bill when it was approved in the Agriculture Committee will put the Northern Marianas on the road to getting the same food stamp benefits as other Americans," Sablan said.

Currently, food stamp recipients in the CNMI receive less than half as much help as they would if they were living in Guam.

Guam is included in the national food stamp program, called SNAP. Average benefits there are $8.21 a day. The CNMI average is just $3.64 a day, Sablan said.

December world candle lighting planned for bereaved families

The deaths of a child of any age, from any cause, is a shattering experience for a family. The family suffers pain and may feel hopeless and isolated.

The Compassionate Friends (TCF, www.compassionate-friends.org/home.aspx) is a national mutual assistance, self-help organization that offers friendship, understanding, and support to families who have experienced the death of a son, daughter, brother, sister, or grandchild, and helps others better assist grieving families.

A small group on Saipan is looking into organizing a chapter of TCF. As a first step it is planning to hold a memorial service in conjunction with TCF 16th annual worldwide candle lighting on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012, at 6:30pm. Candle will be lit at 7pm, as we commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon. A virtual 24-hour wave of light moves from time zone to time zone around the world.

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tion in an island community that is predominantly Catholic.

"Don't forget your loved ones every Nov. 1 and 2," reminded Govendo, who was accompanied by her cousin Rita Cruz at the cemetery and planned on returning for the rosary and Mass.

The Chalan Kanoa cemetery, a usually empty place on a regular weekday, was distinctly eventful yesterday as visiting family members set up tents around tombs that were spotless and decked with wreaths and other floral arrangements.

Miguel Sablan, who considers himself a devout Catholic, deems All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day commemoration as something very important both for him and the rest of his family.

Sablan, who arrived at the cemetery from Navy Hill at 9am, told *Saipan Tribune* that he never fails to visit the cemetery every Nov. 1 and 2 and that he plans to spend some time at the cemetery as many of his loved ones had been laid to rest in different sections of the cemetery.

"This time of the year reminds us about the good memories and good deeds of all those who left us sooner. They are still a part of us and we cannot forget them. This is a special occasion for them," said Sablan after lighting a candle for his aunt, Nieves Sablan, and cousin, Rita Sablan Tenorio.

Although All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are not legal holidays, both are widely celebrated as religious holidays in the Commonwealth. Morning and afternoon Masses were held yesterday, with more church services to continue today at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

INACTIVE

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in dormant bank accounts because other banks have yet to issue public notices as required.

"I'm extremely thankful to the Department of Commerce and the banks for taking action. A lot of people fear losing their savings because of the dormant and inactive fees charged by banks until the savings account or checking account is wiped out. By having this law, the government will help preserve these accounts for the depositors until they can claim them," Yumul told *Saipan Tribune.*

Yumul said banks have historically charged $15 to $20 a month for dormant or inactive fees.

Bank of Guam listed 244 inactive accounts, while First Hawaiian Bank listed 194.

Not all accounts listed may really be considered "inactive" such as in the case of Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), whose name and postal box office number were among those listed by Bank of Guam as being "inactive" at the Tinian Branch.

"To my knowledge, all my savings accounts are active. This may be an oversight. But I will check with Bank of Guam to clarify this matter," Cruz said.

Some names were those of deceased individuals, businesses that have closed shop, and groups or organizations that have been dissolved or no longer active.

Those whose names are listed are asked to call Bank of Guam and First Hawaiian Bank branches; otherwise, the funds contained in these accounts will be transferred to the Commonwealth Treasury in January 2013.

After January 2013, all inquiries pertaining to the accounts must be directed to the Commonwealth Treasury.

Under PL 17-69, an account shall be considered inactive if no deposits or withdrawals are made from the account for a period of 36 months since the last transaction.

OIA: Current corporation management team should stay on

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has found an ally in Interior Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta after the visiting Office of Insular Affairs official announced yesterday his support for the efforts and plans of the current management team on how to turn around the Commonwealth Health Center.

Babauta disclosed this after his hourlong closed door meeting with corporation officials and hospital personnel yesterday morning, where he also commended the employees' continued dedication to their profession and patience despite the many challenges they face daily.

He disclosed that in the series of meetings he had this week with various groups that included Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and corporation officials, one particular issue was agreed upon by parties and settled for now—the retention of the current management team headed by CEO Juan N. Babauta, who will continue to manage the hospital's operation.

"What we have agreed on is that the current management team is going to stay and their efforts will be supplemented with additional help," said Tony Babauta, adding that OIA is now trying to set aside some funds—maybe close to $1 million—to provide the corporation some "breathing room." Specific details about the entry of experts to help the current transition team, he said, is still being discussed at this time.

The Fitial administration earlier disclosed its plan to hire a new management team composed of experts to run the hospital for at least six months, as recommended by an OIA-commissioned analysis. The cost associated in this plan is about $2 million, an amount Tony Babauta believes may be less.

Despite criticisms being received left and right by the corporation, OIA's Babauta said yesterday: "I have confidence in the current management team and on the plans they put in front of me. I realize that they need resources to change things. If they have not been able to show their leadership because of lack of resources…I am trying to offer them that opportunity," he said.

The OIA official is convinced that there was not enough transition planning that was put in place for the corporation, and no adequate funding support was provided to smoothly operate the hospital. Only $5 million was given to the organization in its first year compared to the $38 million received yearly by the Department of Public Health before. For this reason alone, he said, no wonder the corporation is confronted with serious issues.

Tony Babauta assured yesterday that once a "supplemental" team is identified, he will be actively involved in its work. "I will be involved in it. I will be expecting a report maybe biweekly and ask for recommendations on what they think needs to change. There's going to be some decisions to be made on the structure to make it viable."

Compared to other meetings of the corporation, yesterday's assembly with the OIA official was described by many as an open conversation where personnel showed more interest in learning about OIA's plans and the kind of support and assistance it may extend to the hospital.

"I assured them that the issue of viability and survivability of the hospital is of utmost importance to us and the community and we're locking arms with everybody to try to keep this place open," said Babauta.

Besides medical supplies and hiring of key personnel, the OIA official also expressed support for replacing the air-conditioning system at the hospital.

Employees who participated in the meeting expressed relief upon hearing OIA's statements of support.

Guam ex-convict who impregnated Rota girl sentenced to eight years

The federal court yesterday slapped a 97-month prison term on a Guam ex-convict who impregnated a minor on Rota.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood gave Melvin David Diaz credit for the 504 days he has already served in jail.

After serving his sentence, the 49-year-old Diaz will be placed on five years of supervised release.

Diaz was required to submit a DNA sample, register as a sex offender, and participate in a sex offender treatment program.

He is also required to perform 100 hours of community service and pay a $590.66 in restitution to the victim.

Diaz is restricted from working in jobs that puts him in direct contact with minors.

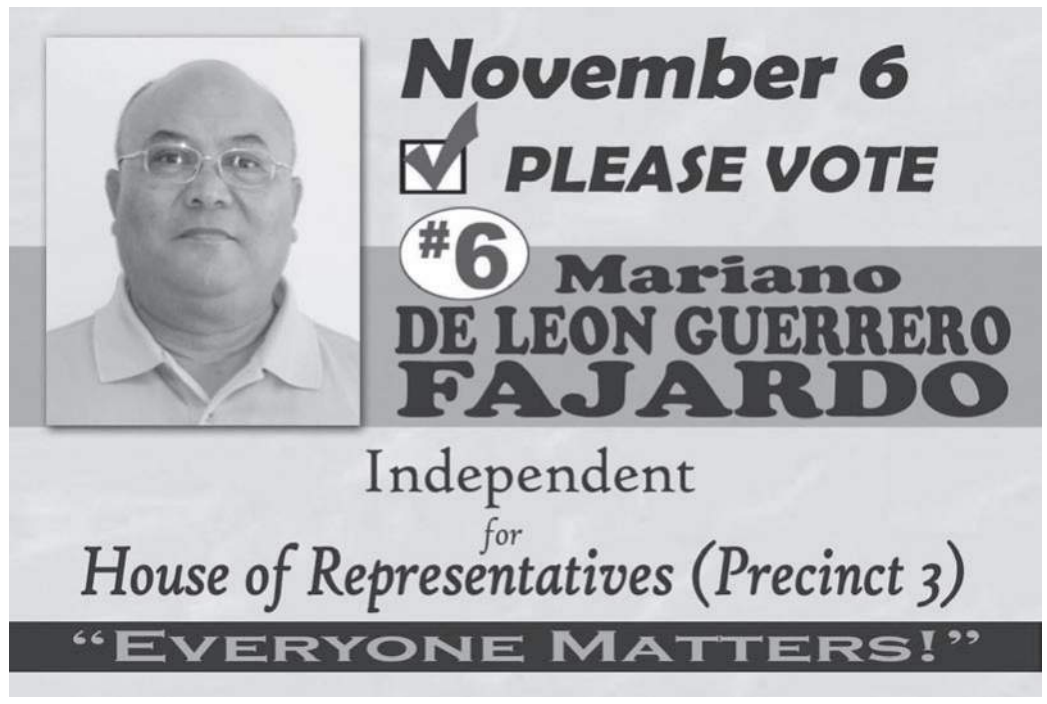
Assistant U.S. attorney Clyde Lemons Jr. recommended the 97-month sentence. Court-appointed counsel David Banes recommended a sentence of time served and supervised release.

Banes pointed out that it was the minor who initiated the relationship and lied about her age. Banes said the girl's mother took her to Guam to stay with him and then she became pregnant.

Upon hearing of her pregnancy, Diaz offered to move the family to Guam so he could better support them all, including the child, Banes said. After the child's birth, Diaz moved the family, including the girl's parents, to Guam.

The lawyer said that based on an anonymous tip, the FBI interviewed the girl and found out she was 15 and a half years old so they arrested Diaz.

In February 2012, a federal jury found Diaz not guilty of three counts of enticement of a minor and guilty of one count of travel with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***



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Manglona: DPL's emergency motion vs JG Sablan moot

The Department of Public Lands' bid to quash the Superior Court's temporary restraining order against JG Sablan Rock Quarry Inc. has been denied.

In an order issued Wednesday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona found DPL's emergency motion to quash and motion to stay Superior Court proceedings to be moot.

Manglona said she received Wednesday Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman's order, withdrawing and vacating his TRO.

In his order, Wiseman acknowledged that, the lawsuit having been moved to the District Court, the Superior Court has lost jurisdiction and may not proceed further unless and until the case is remanded.

With the lifting of the emergency motion, Manglona reset the briefing schedule for JG Sablan's motion to remand the case to the Superior Court.

Manglona gave DPL, former DPL acting secretary Pedro I. Itibus, and five unnamed co-defendants no later than Nov. 8, 2012, to file their opposition.

The judge gave JG Sablan and its owner John T. Sablan until Nov. 15, 2012, to reply.

"The matter is suitable for decision without oral argument, and a decision will be issued based on the papers," Manglona said.

JG Sablan and DPL are battling for a TRO and injunction in connection with their legal dispute over a repair shop located on public land in Lower Base. JG Sablan is suing DPL for terminating their repair shop permit on Dec. 16, 2009. DPL wants the court to declare that JG Sablan has been unlawfully occupying the quarry since July 2012. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Olympus blog fam tour focuses on NMI

Twenty bloggers from Korea conducted a familiarization tour of the Northern Mariana Islands last week. They were accompanied by four representatives of Olympus Camera Co. and one from *Maeil Business Newspaper*, the No. 1 daily business newspaper in the country.

The FAM tour, sponsored in part by Olympus, was held Oct. 24-28, 2012, and received 1,290 applications from interested bloggers, amateur photographers, and travel-blog specialists.

While on Saipan, the group took tours of the island, the main tourist district of Garapan, the weekly Garapan Street Market, and Managaha, where participants enjoyed parasailing and snorkeling. The group also had the option to dine at Shenanigan's, 360 Restaurant, Thai House, Furusato, or Hard Rock Café Saipan. Several hotels were also visited, including Aqua Resort Club, Mariana Resort & Spa, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Hyatt Regency Saipan.

On Tinian, the group stayed at Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino and participated in stargazing, an ATV tour, snorkeling, SCUBA diving, jungle tour, and trolling.

"The Olympus blog FAM tour attracted a large number of interested applicants, and we anticipate a great deal of coverage from the bloggers who participated," said Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman. "Nearly 80 percent of Koreans are online, so blogs are a particularly effective way to get the word out about our destination."

Maeil Business Newspaper circulates to 1.8 million subscribers on- and offline. The newspaper covered the blogger FAM tour under an agreement with Olympus camera. ***(MVA)***

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Two burglaries at Island Bath

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on two burglary and theft incidents at Island Bath and Ceramics, located by the former Transamerica building on Middle Road, Chalan Laulau.

On Sept. 4, 2012, at about 1pm, the owner discovered the company warehouse was broken into and several items stolen. Some of the stolen items include several boxes of green glass ball basins (a type of sink), boxes of silver single faucet shower switches, white frame mirrors, shower door aluminum railings 5" long, cabinet mirror shelves, brown floor tiles, and gray tiles. The point of entry was through a window into the warehouse. The estimated value of the bathroom fixtures collectively is over $15,000.

The company was burglarized again four days later. Stolen items include additional bathroom fixtures, soap dispensers, a microwave, a bush cutter, a toolbox, and a white surfboard. This time, the point of entry was through a side door that was pried open, allowing the suspect(s) entry into the warehouse. The estimated value of the stolen items collectively is over $4,000.

The crimes occurred sometime in the evening. It is believed that more than one suspect was involved in these crimes.

DPS and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net. Crime Stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. ***(NMI Crime Stoppers)***

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Mercy's Salon rebrands as Cutz & Colours

»Now under new management

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REPORTER

After 26 years in the salon business, Mercy's Salon in Dandan is now under new management and is rebranded as Cutz & Colours His & Her Salon.

Salon owner Marcia E. Ayuyu said the change of ownership officially took place in Oct. 10, setting her sights on transforming the place into a celebrated full service hair salon for both men and women.

Cutz & Colours His & Her Salon offers a comprehensive range of hair and beauty services, including haircut, hair and makeup, hair color, highlights, rebonding, straightening, perming, manicure and pedicure, waxing, facial treatments, and therapeutic massage.

The salon services will be provided by a highly skilled and well-trained staff that includes Arizia Rosas, hairstylist and makeup artist; Kristala Lamion, all-around beautician; Mercy Pangelinan, all-around beautician; and Jane Padernal, masseuse.

CUTZ & COLOURS HIS & HER SALON
Cutz & Colours His & Her Salon owner Marcia E. Ayuyu, standing right, poses with her highly skilled and well-trained staffers Arizia Rosas, hairstylist and makeup artist; Kristala Lamion, all-around beautician; Mercy Pangelinan, all-around beautician; and Jane Padernal, masseuse.

"I feel really good about this new venture," Ayuyu said in an interview Tuesday. "This is my first time to own and manage a salon but I've always wanted to do it for a long time. It's finally happening."

Ayuyu believes that even during economic recession, people should realize the importance of looking and feeling the very best about oneself.

"All of us need to maintain clean and presentable looks. The economy may be down but people are still finding ways to look and stay beautiful. It could be to make a good impression or just about good grooming, which applies to everyone," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Ayuyu said a visit to Cutz & Colours will also help customers deal with the aging process, with their massage treatments and hair services making one feel rejuvenated.

Services at Cutz & Colours come in affordable prices and the re-introduced salon is offering 25-percent discount on all major services to first-time customers who present the discount coupon when they visit their Dandan location. Regular patrons, meanwhile, can get up to 15 percent off on major services.

With the new management comes not only a change in name but also in the quality of services, and Ayuyu assured that these changes are all for the better. The new owner said they are working on many improvements and additional services, including partnering up with local flower shops for special occasion packages at reasonable rates.

Cutz & Colours His & Her Salon, Ayuyu said, also offers gift certificates in $20 denomination—the ideal gift for that someone special this holiday season.

"Our goal is really to make our customers relaxed and at home when they come here and happy when they leave Cutz & Colours. We'll do the best we can for them. Having this business is a blessing to me by our Heavenly Father and I am sharing this blessing with other people," added Ayuyu.

Cutz & Colours His & Her Salon is open for walk-ins or appointment. For more information, visit the salon located at Suite 2 at the ground floor of RJ Plaza Building across Joeten Store in Dandan or call 235-1990.

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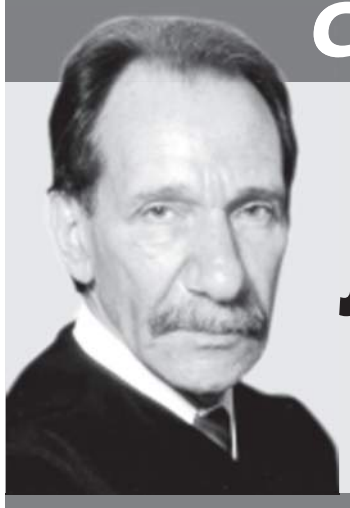

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Happy 8th birthday going out to Robin Kyle Alvarez, who is celebrating his special day today, Nov. 2, 2012. May every candle on your cake be a wish that comes true. Good health and God bless! Greetings come from your Hernandez family!

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Happy birthday to my sister and best friend, Crystal Songong Seidler! Hope you enjoy your weekend! We love you! Greetings come from Crystal, Marvin, Kallan, and the rest of the *fambam*!

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EDITORIAL

Sandy reminds us who's really in control

On Sunday afternoon, millions of Americans moved through their daily routines, secure in the belief that they were in command of their lives. They flipped a switch and a light flickered on. They turned a key and a car rumbled. They pushed a button and the television squawked to life.

Hours later, superstorm Sandy barreled ashore and reminded us all of an immutable truth: There are greater powers on Earth than humans. We are not in control.

The storm generated a torrent of apocalyptic images—a crane dangling from a midtown Manhattan skyscraper, planks of the famed Atlantic City boardwalk torn and tossed by the force of the sea. The death toll rising by the hour. Seven, eight million people without power. Calls pouring into New York City's 911 center at a rate of 300 a minute. Billions in damages yet untallied.

This storm, like the great Chicago blizzard of February 2011, is another warning to all who wander through life under the delusion that nature can be tamed and contained.

When that mammoth blizzard paralyzed Chicago—burying a conga line of cars and buses on Lake Shore Drive—many people were shocked that such a thing could still happen. After all the city's extensive emergency preparations. After a fleet of snowplows and a mountain of salt poised to move 24/7. With advanced communications, GPS, social media, smartphones and smart people at the helm of the city's snow command.

The blizzard flicked all that aside.

We make plans. We maneuver through the days and weeks. We delude ourselves into thinking that all the hazards ahead can be avoided with foresight and preparation.

But the hazards ahead, even if foreseen, are implacable. No amount of emergency planning or official warnings turned Sandy one iota from its path or diminished its power by a single degree. The storm marched ashore on the New Jersey coast, exactly where and when it wanted.

At some point, nature overcomes the human ability to foresee and to fortify. Whether it is a storm that everyone can see coming for days, or an invisible-to-the-naked-eye virus, nature makes the rules and humans have to play by them.

This is not entirely bad. For all the misery that storms like Sandy generate, they also may bring an epiphany about the relentlessness of daily life, the chirping phone, the barrage of choices on TV or at the mall, the gaudy lure of the Internet.

In the nighttime quiet of a home without power, flashlights rule. Distractions disappear. The pace slows. Different sounds float in: the cough of an electric generator, the whine of a chain saw. You view your neighborhood, your neighbors, your home, your life ... in a different light.

And then the power suddenly surges on. Life snaps back to normal. You get busy. You forget. You make plans.

And so does nature.

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Gov. shifts, preaches unity

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Strange bedfellows are on TV (Republicans) explaining the essence of unity, singing "United We Stand" (UWS). It also has garden-variety candidates who've learned servility parroting UWS.

Gov. Fitial pitches unity after championing disunity; governor "pretty darn good" (Babauta) espouses the same, ignoring that the GOP failed the CNMI on economic recovery that started with his charge or a former speaker who's learned how to pronounce the word "collaborative." The collective weak-kneed pitch on unity is comically incongruent, derisory, and oxymoronic!

Unless GOP servile cohorts are suffering from voluntary amnesia, if not dyslexia, did they forget that about 20 or so years ago Gov. Fitial abandoned Republicans and formed the Covenant Party? Didn't he dump the Covenant Party just last year to rejoin Republicans, triggering further disunity upon taking over the helm? It prompted the formation of Independent Republicans! Why the narcissistic demeanor, sir?

After destroying unity in all three camps he now sings "United We Stand." After he's championed disunity himself? Did we miss something here? What unity, sir? You just confirmed an endemic specialty known as "polished deceit," vividly and indelibly imprinted in the minds of voters! Perhaps you and minions have been so inebriated with power and abusive tendencies as to ignore that we also deserve respect. Respect, sir, is earned!

Indeed, you narrowly missed impeachment, crowned by your servile 10 Republican legislators who even included political beatification. Don't you think voters are sufficiently intelligent to know that you and your minions prepared for the destruction of the economic future of their children by handing them a monstrosity of some $2.3-billion power plant debt? Recalled President Reagan saying something most fitting, "In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem."

The economic meltdown is another that you've bluffed with ad hoc planning. How come you never had any seriously considered socio-economic plan (blueprint) to rebuild the foundations of these isles? Why the adolescency as to ignore the most productive sector of the local economy known as private industries? Why cherry pick investors as to ward off pioneering investors from Japan? Is this the quiet though hugely negative policy of your administration?

Misrepresentations!

Would taxpayers be free from paying $40,000 each in additional taxes annually when the NMI begins paying for the new power plant deal of $2.3 billion? It's in the hands of the court.

It's a contract riddled with inconsistency, incoherence, and deception signed, sealed, and delivered by the incumbent Republican administration.

The administration said the $190.8-million contract would reduce the cost of utilities by as low as 18 cents per kilowatt-hour. CUC's power plant manager disputed the governor's assertion, saying it will never go down as explained "even with the best diesel engines." It means the cost would be the same as it is today and would increase as time progresses. So what's the plus side of this wishful deal for taxpayers?

Interestingly, the governor never rectified his misrepresentation. The power plant manager unequivocally clarified that the total deal—based on a 25-year repayment schedule—amounts to $2.3 billion. It takes courage to gun down the governor's holster from his hip. But CUC's expert did it in straightforward fashion too. Why the reticence, governor?

One could conclude that the governor must have uttered a silent sigh of relief when he narrowly dodged the bullet of impeachment. Nonetheless, the impeachment hearing focused primarily on the power plant contract. It revealed a certain pattern of abuse and violation of laws or steady drift from the confines of the Constitution. Materials secured are no rocket scientist stuff. Any intelligent person could connect the dots and make his own conclusions.

Economy on artificial respiration

Public mistrust took a meteoric flight where most folks no longer could place their future in the hands of this administration that has trashed trust and slaughtered hope. What evolves from the mounting discontent should show its true colors in 2013.

People only wanted good governance whose treasured trust has been sapped with impunity by pervasive corruption under this administration! Intuitively, our people know the CNMI is stuck in a woefully protracted economic gloom and placed on artificial respiration. What's our future under this case scenario?

Hardball in Washington

Candidates engage in polished public relations stunts detailing their plans, including promises of what we must do, though their rationalizations are all wrong.

The non-voting delegate's race isn't an exception. The challenger feels she has sound ideas on representation. It's good rhetoric, though I'm equally realistic of the real environment in Washington politics.

The clever paradigm would have been to shift the conversation to such issues as the creation of the "administrative state," the entire country being run on thousands of regulations rather than by laws. This wasn't what the founding fathers had in mind. It would have

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Scoping out paradise

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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There's no use being in paradise if you don't bother to look at it. Sometimes the best way to look is with binoculars: boat-spotting, beach-bumming, Kingfisher bird watching, whatever. Binocs are just an occasional purchase for the average household, mine included. Well, for us, it's that time again, so here I go.

The market has changed since I last looked at it. But the optical basics haven't, so I haven't seen any reason to abandon my trusty old binoc benchmarks. Hey, it's good timing: If you're playing Santa next month, you might want to heed this gig.

My goal was to see if I could find anything good for under $99. I'm talking casual, fair-weather use, for both bright and dark conditions.

But having a tight budget doesn't mean we should be sloppy about things. To the contrary, we should be informed and calculating. So let's start on an analytical footing.

Here's the basic deal: Binoculars are specified with two numbers. The first is the magnification. The second is the diameter of the objective lens in millimeters; this is the lens that is on the far side of the binocs from your eyes, typically the "big end" of the binocs.

Thus, an "8x40" pair of binoculars has a magnification of eight times, and has objective lens diameters of 40mm.

Now, here's the secret sauce: When you divide the last number by the first, you get the size of the exit pupil (the light that reaches your eyes). This corresponds to the light-gathering ability of the binocs. Bigger is better. The darker the conditions, the more this matters.

So a pair of 8x40 binocs will have an exit pupil of 5mm (40mm divided by eight).

How that plays out depends on how wide your pupils get in the dark. Endless discussions are held over this stuff, including the physiology of eyes as we age. Well, enter my first old benchmark, which you can take or leave: Any exit pupil over 7mm doesn't seem to offer much, if any, additional benefit, but anything under 5mm is too dicey because it's weak in non-bright conditions.

So my sweet spot is 5mm to 7mm for exit pupils, and within this range, the higher the better.

For the technically-minded, I'll note there is a "relative brightness" factor that is a squared function of the diameter. This makes sense if you think about it, since we're talking about circles of light here, hence surface area. So you can't just linearly interpolate between 5mm and 7mm to get a feel for this side of things.

As for magnification, the market offers anything you can imagine. Actually, it gets downright wacky. I'll note another personal benchmark, which you can also take or leave as you see fit: Seven to 10 power seems like a sweet spot. Any lower than that lacks punch, but anything over 10 times can be hard to hold steady.

You'll note that we are in the range of tradeoffs. For a given size of objective lens, if you gain magnification, you lose exit pupil size. Meanwhile, the bigger you make the objective lenses, the bigger and heavier the binocs are; once you get over two pounds (32 oz) or so, the weight becomes a real factor for extended holding. There is no free lunch.

For my shopping I tried a bunch of brands. Wow; so many The Nikon Action series emerged as the best bet.

Within the Nikon Action line, I tried three popular sizes: 8x40, 7x50, and 10x50. The price range was about $70 to $95, depending on model, vendor, shipping details, availability, and so on.

My pick for general duty? 8x40. It's great for daylight, and OK for dusk or dark.

These 8x40 glasses are wide-angle, which is nice, but anything outside the center half of the field strikes me as distorted. The stuff in the center area, however, is nice and clear. They hold their focus well, and at 27oz they are light enough to be user-friendly.

Incidentally, at night, these little guys could clearly show at least three of Jupiter's four Galilean moons in a clear sky. (I don't know if the fourth was in a visible position that night.) Andromeda galaxy and the Orion nebula also showed very well.

Drifting away from the "general" use context, I'll add a footnote for my fellow space cadets:

I hefted the larger 7x50 and 10x50 models toward the night sky. Results? Very nice. Those larger 50mm lenses offer a lot more area to gather the scant light, but they add almost a half-pound of weight. My wife liked the 10x50 so much she immediately claimed it.

In summary, for those on a beachcomber's budget, I found that there is some good stuff to be had for under $99. Mission accomplished!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Good vs evil

This is an exciting time to be living in the CNMI, and Saipan especially. There is a pitched battle between the forces of good and evil, and there is no way of predicting an outcome as of today, Nov. 1.

The forces of evil are the administration, many of the lawmakers in the House and Senate, and those in charge of the DPS. There are more, but those are the stalwarts of corruption.

The forces of good are Delegate Kilili Sablan, the Noble Nine, and hundreds of private citizens who sign petitions, show up for honk rallies, and who keep the fight for an honest government alive.

While it would be easy to think that good will triumph over evil, this is the CNMI, also historically known as the Island of Thieves. For hundreds of years it has lived up to its reputation and now, at last, many are challenging the status quo.

What makes the fight for good all the more difficult is the apparent cronyism of our U.S. Attorney, Alicia Limtiaco, who has consistently declined to investigate and prosecute. There are whispers of her alleged connections to important people in Guam and also Mr. Fitial. If true, this would explain her painful inaction. She, along with the FBI, consistently says, "I can't comment on that," as though this ends the discussion. It does not: it raises obvious questions about to whom the feds owe their allegiance.

Tony Babauta gets a C+ for at least informing the local students about the wildly disproportionate amount of money our lawmakers receive in comparison to, for example, the PSS. I do not know what he has done behind the scenes, but I do not imagine that Ms. Limtiaco is taking his calls—if he calls her at all. This is the same man who stated that, "We will not tolerate corruption." Although I do not know all of the limitations of Mr. Babauta's office, I am hopeful he will do more to help the citizens here—beyond talking with students.

Kilili Sablan is gaining traction on the Good side. His petition to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder is likely to get noticed. Whether Holder will actually assist the CNMI is a good question, but it does not seem likely. Holder was recently held in contempt of a congressional committee over the Fast and Furious arms-running debacle. However, the happenings in our tiny island community might provide a refreshing opportunity for him to actually do some good.

The OPA, whose criminal summons was sufficient to get Mr. Buckingham to flee into the night, seems to be on the bench with respect to Fitial and his minions. "Seems" is the operative word here, since I don't know what they are up to. I hope they are preparing several complaints, since misuse of public funds has been rampant for decades. There is a long list of offenses, and I remain hopeful that the Boy Scouts will do something.

The impeach movement, sparked by Glen Hunter, Ed Propst, and Kilili Sablan, continues to gain support. They stood firmly behind the Noble Nine and are hopeful that the election will bring a sea change in the Legislature. It is long overdue, but the forces of evil are strong, and the battle, at this point, seems to be even. But it's hard to assess.

There has been a flurry of letters-to-the-editor on both sides of the equation. Those who support Fitial, his administration, and the Republican 10 fire off broadsides that are, essentially, a vehement combination of name-calling and outright fabrication. I have yet to read a well-reasoned argument supporting the government, its corruption, or abuse of power. That is because there is none. How does one defend a mafia?

Finally, the elections will tell us much. They will tell us how powerful the mafia grip is on the local people, or if hearts and minds have been swayed by common sense and a desire to improve life in the CNMI. As I said, this is an exciting time to be living here. If the forces of evil win the next round, their triumph cannot last forever. Waves of indignant young people are coming forward, and they do not seem disposed to put up with the old ways any longer.

Russ Mason
Oleai, Saipan

Questions I ask myself

Should we vote or not vote at all? What happens if the entire CNMI doesn't vote and protest for justice instead?

Many patterns of practice are left unexplained. For example, Public Law 17-82 for the withdrawal of retirement contributions. This law has deadlines yet none of our leaders are doing anything to explain the delay. Many laws are being passed and not one is taken seriously.

At this moment, I ask myself: Do our leaders know that we are part of the government and any decision made for our wellbeing should involve us too? Not only do I ask myself of our wellbeing, I worry every day if we are safe. I worry that the future of the CNMI government is being run by group of people who dictate our lives.

My husband and many others are also worried if they are ever going to get their retirement contributions back or, if they decide to retire, how long would their retirement last and how is this going to be better when the PL 17-82 states that their checks would not be the same as present retirees.

There are people and leaders who are biased against the people of Tinian and Rota and are also against the Saipan leadership. Is this normal? Do they know that we are part of their family? For the past history of the CNMI government, our leaders based their decision on the population of their island, not by the number of priority needs. One example, the Northern Marianas College closed the campus on Tinian and Rota to save money and forgot to secure financial support for Tinian and Rota students who have other needs, such as childcare, food, housing and transportation. Many of our children are now on their own or helping each other to get into college off island. To most of them, they'd rather go to Guam or other colleges that offer more choices than the Northern Marianas College. To rent an apartment, get transportation, and meet other needs are more expensive for them than going to other colleges that have a dormitory and offer more choices and more services.

The other questions I ask myself and worry about is, if I get sick, how am I going to get medical attention, with the price they are charging us? Especially, with no choice, I had to lose health insurance to save my home. Not only that, the services they have available are not that sufficient for treatment. Where do poor people go for medical help?

Our economy is falling, and not one leader has come up with a better solution. The U.S. Congress has taken over our immigration for homeland security. Do any of our leaders understand why? Could this be to enforce or guide the people of the CNMI, that in marketing employment, the government generates the most revenue? In my assumption, employment collects processing fees, employee tax, sales tax, and provide services to the community. There are many other ways of making money that we haven't looked into.

The casino that the Saipan leadership is fighting to make legal on Saipan would generate license fees, tax, employee tax, sales tax, customer's tax, and many more. But the impact has not being looked into. For example, what would happen to the neighboring islands' casino? How would this affect the investor's decision? How would it affect our community? Is it safe for our small community? Is it worth having so much money, and have so much responsibility?

Winnie Atalig
San Jose, Tinian

UNITY

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revealed the substance the two candidates are made of as they slug it out on the trail.

What's wrong with the "administrative state"? The Obama administration has issued the most number of regulations in the last several years. It included the creation of agencies charged with the writing of regulations that aren't subject to judicial review or congressional oversight.

The people who would run these agencies are folks we've never even met nor authorized to represent our interests via the consent of the governed. Their obvious specialty is on regulations often designed to destroy wealth and jobs creation.

The value of representation isn't founded on sucking every entitlement benefits manufactured under Obama's charge. Nor must we be servile by allowing regulators to rule over the elected representatives of the people.

It's about fully considered policies to restoring the pride, industry, hope, and resiliency of our people across the land so they exit the nether world of government dependency. It's our freedom versus permanent ruin by relying on handouts from the feds. I'm still convinced in the former principle.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. A slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲90	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲88	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲88	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Cloudy	▲64	▼56
Beijing	Sunny	▲60	▼44
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼73
Honolulu	Showers	▲84	▼71
London	Partly Cloudy	▲47	▼40
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼55
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲61	▼47
Miami	Sunny	▲82	▼64
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲53	▼43
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼49
Paris	Rain	▲50	▼45
Pusan	Sunny	▲62	▼48
Rome	Sunny	▲68	▼54
Salem	Rain	▲58	▼46
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼54
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Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲64	▼49
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲55	▼40

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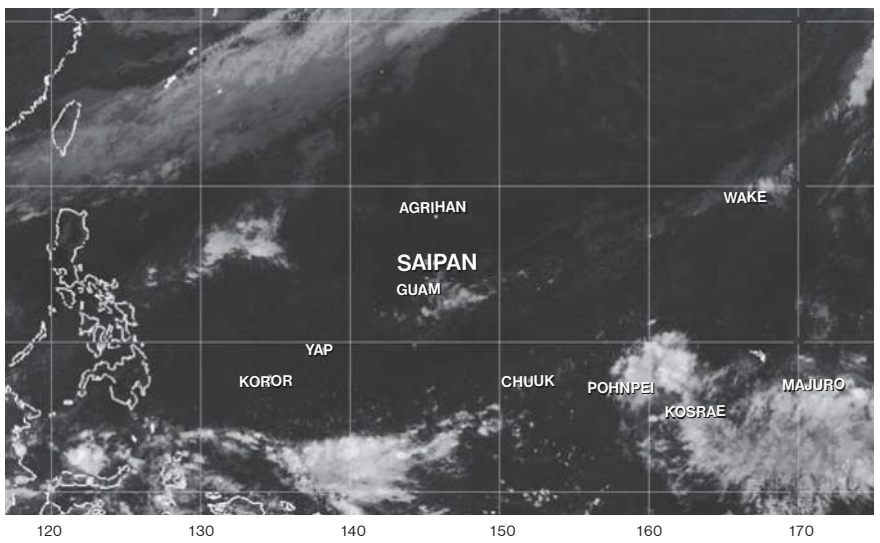

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2012
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front northwest of Iwo To island stretches from 25N137E southwestward to beyond 130E at 21N. Extensive cloudiness and scattered showers are found along and up to 400 miles northwest of the front. Another cold front extends from 25N169E southwestward to northwest of Wake Island 20N164E then continues as a shear line to south of Guam at 11N144E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 50 miles of the cold front and southeast of Guam along the shear line within 30 miles of a line from 11N144E to 14N151E. A weak trade-wind trough is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well northwest of Koror between 15N and 17N from 130E to 135E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well south of Yap between the equator and 3N from 138E to 145E. A surface trough runs from 2N164E northeastward to 5N167E then continues eastward along 5N to 180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 175 miles of a line from 9N160E to 3N167E to 7N180 including Kosrae and Majuro.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:27 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
11:24 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
5:01 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
9:39 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Monday	6:15 AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:20 PM	8:44 AM
Saturday	9:09 PM	9:32 AM
Sunday	9:59 PM	10:19 AM
Monday	10:49 PM	11:04 AM
Tuesday	11:40 PM	11:47 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCT. 27, 2012

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:40am	5:30am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:25am	9:15am	Daily
UA5074	11:10am	12:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)

UZ608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)

VLK1734	2:00am	8:15am	5 every other week

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:10am	11:15am	1
OZ606/701	2:40am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:25pm	2, 5 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:45pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:10pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:05am	7:55am	Daily
UA5073	9:50am	10:40am	Daily
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)

OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

VLADIVOSTOK (VVO)-SAIPAN

VLK1733	8:00pm	12:05am+1	4 every other week

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ702/605	12:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5077	10:55am	6:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:55pm	7:55am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:59pm	7:55am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ750/603	1:10am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ724/605	1:50pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	11:25pm	7:55am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
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A say in government

If you truly want to fix our government and prosecute corruption, then vote to approve an elected AG—it is that simple. If you want to truly believe the IR's and Kilili will fix the government and our problems then you must ask them *how* because they are playing politics and not offering any solutions. If the feds can arrest all the other people in government including the lieutenant governor, then certainly they would have arrested the governor by now. The feds have even told us our problem is local laws and enforcement, not federal. So who does Kilili think he's fooling because every citizen should know we don't have to beg the feds for law enforcement help? If voters choose to follow this political ploy of Kilili with his petition to the feds, then maybe you just don't want to see the truth or the light leading us to change and improvement with Dr. Acha? Kilili is trying to lead us right back to where we started before the election, defeating the whole purpose for conducting an election, which is to get better!

If voters were listening, it is the things the IR's and Kilili *did not* say that should worry voters as they have not offered or promised anything after the election. They are only selling impeachment, not change, progress, or improvements! But if voters want to improve our government, vote for Dr. Acha. If voters want to gain real political real estate in Congress, vote for Dr. Acha the Republican, not the Independent. If voters want to hold all of our leaders, the governor and delegate included, accountable with the polling system, vote for Dr. Acha. If voters want a real referee and a problem solver in our politics, vote for Dr. Acha. If voters want a delegate who can get legislation passed in Congress, vote for Dr. Acha. If voters want to take the CNMI out of the dark

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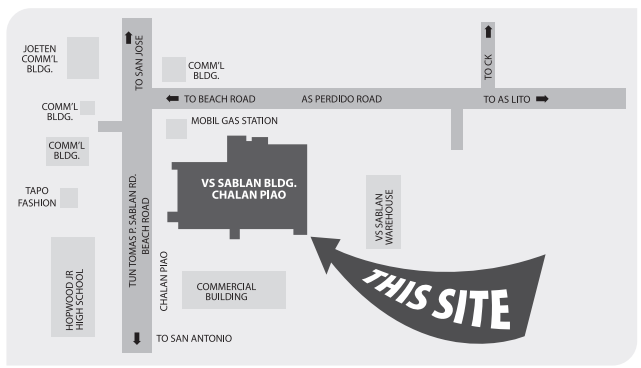

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A SAY

From Page 13

ages and into the light and the realm of modern politics with a certified polling system, vote for Dr. Acha.

If voters want the power to influence the decisions of our leaders, vote for Dr. Acha and her polling system! Polls are real power for the people. Today's polls are used to influence the decisions of Congress and even the decisions of Presidents. The polling system and voting support of the Republicans in Congress is real power we can't afford to throw away or waste on an impeachment fight that is more politics than anything of substance. Kilili has also made it known he does not want the people to have a polling system, which is really an insult to refuse voters a real voice in their government! But if you truly understand polls, their power, and usage, then you know Kilili does not know what he is talking about. So if voters re-elect Kilili you will see a fight but you won't have anything to celebrate, you won't get improvements, you won't have a voice in government, you must pray for more ARRA and don't you get sick, like Kilili said.

This election season was supposed to have been about the candidates and what needs to be done to improve our economy, CHC, CUC an etc.! But if you don't have a solution to offer and if the people are dissatisfied with the governor, make everyone real mad at the governor and become a hero to get re-elected, which is what I believe the IR's and Kilili are trying to pull off but it is now backfiring in their face. If voters don't see their political polys for what they truly are we are in much deeper trouble than I ever imagined. We haven't been given any hope or plan for anything to make life better, just plenty of staged fighting coming from the IRs and Kilili.

The CNMI can only be as good as the voters and our leaders are smart! Voters are challenged in this election to be the smartest in our history and even smarter than the leaders who are misleading. We have to move forward and improve since failure is not an option or we will end up right back where we started. If voters do the right thing and elect the truly best candidate for Congress, this election may be your only chance to celebrate you and say "I voted for myself to have a say in government!"

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

A better tomorrow

CNMI voters: Let us go to the polls with one and only one mission in mind—to see a better tomorrow for the CNMI. We can bring this about by electing officials who are true, honest, just, and transparent. Remember, the legacy we must leave our children is a peaceful and prosperous CNMI.

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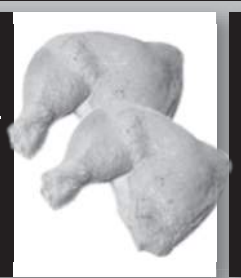

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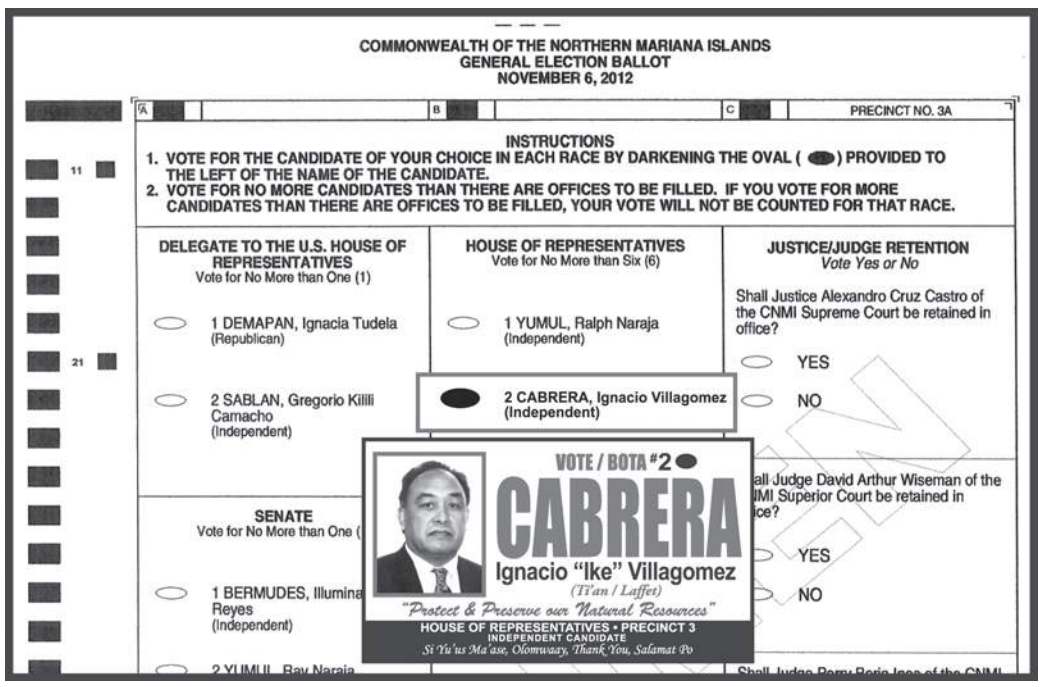
SDOT to NMI: Spend what you have before asking for more

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood has formally responded to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's request for a reallocation of federal highway funds, saying that until the Commonwealth government does a better job of spending the federal money it already has, there will be no change in the funding formula. LaHood, a former Member of Congress, is a Republican.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Vote for No More than One (1)
1 DEMAPAN, Ignacia Tudela (Republican)
2 SABLAN, Gregorio Kilili Camacho (Independent)
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Vote for No More than Six (6)
1 YUMUL, Ralph Naraja (Independent)
2 CABRERA, Ignacio Villagomez (Independent)
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Vote Yes or No
Shall Justice Alexandro Cruz Castro of the CNMI Supreme Court be retained in office?
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SENATE
1 BERMUDES, Illumina Reyes (Independent)
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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE
Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Olomwaay, Thank You, Salamat Po
all Judge David Arthur Wiseman of the MI Superior Court be retained in ice?
YES
NO

Highway funding is not the only area, where the Commonwealth government's slow spending is putting federal funding at risk. The Obama Administration proposed in 2011 that the Interior Department be allowed to give unused Northern Marianas Covenant funds for infrastructure to Guam and other territories.

Sablan was able to kill that proposal in the fiscal year 2012 Interior appropriation. But the Obama Administration repeated its recommendation to Congress in the President's fiscal year 2013 budget.

"Because we are funding FY13 on a continuing appropriation, which means no change in any legislative language, the Commonwealth dodged this bullet again," Sablan said. "With federal money getting tighter and tighter, however, any Northern Marianas infrastructure funds not being spent will be vulnerable to reprogramming to the territories where the local governments are eager and able to put federal dollars to work." ***(PR)***

"As soon as the Commonwealth is able to demonstrate a consistent increase in the rate of expenditure of funds, we will work with the four territories to make any necessary adjustments to the allocation formula," LaHood wrote to Sablan.

Sablan has told the department that it is time to reconsider the funding distribution that was set in 1992. The Commonwealth receives 10 percent of each year's Territorial Highway Fund appropriation. Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands get 40 percent each; and American Samoa receives 10 percent.

"If you look at population, land area, miles of roads—any objective measure," Sablan said, "the Northern Marianas should be receiving more than 10 percent of total highway funds.

"I appreciate Secretary LaHood saying that he would take these factors into consideration when the formula is adjusted. But he won't be doing that, until the Commonwealth government starts spending the millions of dollars of federal highway funds that it already has."

The Commonwealth has spent only 23 percent of the funding it received through SAFETEA-LU, the 2005 Transportation Act.

The average expenditure for Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa is 53 percent, over twice the CNMI rate.

"We all know that our highways need improvement. We should be using these federal funds to fix the roads and reduce wear and tear on people's cars," said Sablan. "It's just a waste to have this federal assistance available and not be using it."

Red Cross leads relief efforts after Sandy

The American Red Cross has a huge relief response underway to Sandy, providing people across a number of states with a safe place to stay, food to eat, and comfort during this difficult time.

The Red Cross has already served more than 100,800 meals and snacks and mobilized more than 2,300 disaster workers and almost 200 emergency vehicles so far and more are being deployed.

"This response to Sandy is just getting started. The storm has left devastation in its wake and we will be helping people for weeks to come," said J.D. Tenorio, emergency services director of the NMI Chapter. "This will be very costly and the Red Cross needs help now. We ask everyone to support us as we help people recover from this massive storm."

People can make a financial donation by visiting www.redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation. Contributions may also be sent to someone's local Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013. ***(ARC)***

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A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **November 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST)** at the CUC Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room 15, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-13-008, Workers' Compensation & Administration", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than December 4, 2012 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

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Cop in hit and run has outstanding warrants

Martin I. Kapileo, the police officer who was reportedly drunk when he struck a woman with the police car he was driving, has an outstanding bench warrant, 11 previous bench warrants for small claims, a criminal case, and a history of domestic violence.

According to court records, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho issued on Feb. 9, 2012, a bench warrant for the arrest of Kapileo for not appearing in court on Jan. 30, 2012, to show cause in connection with consolidated small claims.

Camacho ordered Kapileo to be released only upon payment of $500. This bench warrant was never served to the officer, records show.

Since 1993, the Superior Court has issued at least 11 bench warrants for Kapileo's arrest for not appearing at these smalls claims hearings.

The judges who issued the bench warrants were then judges Edward Manibusan, Alexandro C. Castro, Marty W. K. Taylor, John A. Manglona, Virginia Sablan-Onerheim, and Ramona V. Manglona.

In February 2004, Kapileo's wife at the time filed a petition for protection in Superior Court due to alleged emotional and physical abuse. He would allegedly subject her to slapping, hair pulling, punching, kicking, and hitting her with objects. The order of protection was granted. Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo required Kapileo to surrender his service revolver at the end of his shift.

In October 1990, the Office of the Attorney General charged Kapileo with escape for allegedly departing from custody while being detained as a prisoner on July 27, 1990.

In that case, Kapileo was summoned to appear in court on Nov. 1, 1990. No other records were in the case file.

Kapileo, who has a rank of police officer 2, is believed to have joined the Department of Public Safety in 1998.

Police have issued traffic citations against the 50-year-old Kapileo for at least 11 violations for the hit and run case that happened last Saturday in Kannat Tabla. The victim, a 49-year-old woman, suffered lacerations on the scalp and head injuries.

According to police's investigation, the incident happened on the westbound shoulder lane of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero in Kannat Tabla between New Top Store and Coco's Building.

The victim had just finished doing her laundry at Just Laundry Mat and was walking home on the grassy area on the right shoulder by the westbound lane when the DPS truck veered off the highway and its right sideview mirror struck the pedestrian's head.

The vehicle failed to stop and sped off. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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PLEASE VOTE REPUBLICAN

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Portraits of former District Court chief judges unveiled

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

The federal court unveiled Wednesday afternoon the portraits of former U.S. District Court chief judges Alfred Laureta and Alex R. Munson.

As the first chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Laureta served from 1978 to 1988. Munson succeeded Laureta from 1988 to 2010.

Laureta and Munson received thunderous applause and a standing ovation from judges, justices, guests, friends, family members, and court employees after they unveiled their 24" by 30" portraits.

District Court chief deputy clerk William Bezzant put together the two portraits. Laureta's was a restored photograph from a picture taken over 20 years ago. Munson was an original photograph.

Laureta was accompanied by his sons Michael and Gregory and his daughter Pamela. It was an emotional moment as it was his first time to set foot in the CNMI 24 years after his retirement.

Laureta said he is very grateful to serve the CNMI and, fortunately for him, he was accepted by the people because the first Commonwealth governor, Carlos Camacho, laid the groundwork for him.

"I owe a lot to Gov. Camacho," said Laureta. Former governor Camacho, who attended the ceremony, smiled.

Laureta mentioned former House Speaker Joe Lifoifio as the one who introduced him to the Carolinian people, while David Sablan introduced him to the Chamorro people.

Laureta drew laughs when he shared fond memories of his stint as District Court chief judge. "My stay was very interesting, very enjoyable," he added.

Munson has been visiting the CNMI sporadically since his retirement as he currently serves as a District Court senior judge.

Munson described as "a wonderful experience" his stint as chief judge from 1988 to 2010 and said the unveiling ceremony left him humbled and touched.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said that portrait unveiling ceremonies are a tradition in the federal government.

"It is a means to preserve the history of the valuable contributions made by those who have answered the call to serve our country. It is unique to the judicial branch," Manglona said.

Manglona said she asked Munson earlier this year to allow her to have his portrait done and have an unveiling ceremony.

"Many who have worked with Judge Munson know of his modest and humble nature, and that he is not one to pursue this for himself," she said.

She felt, however, the importance of recognizing Munson's decades of contributions to this legal community.

"And I was so happy when he agreed. Albeit, it was with the understanding that it would be a small, simple ceremony," she said.

Manglona said she had Laureta's photo that was taken 20 years ago restored as she wanted it displayed next to Munson's portrait.

While preparing for the event, Manglona said she thought of possibly having Laureta join them for the ceremony.

"I took the chance of inquiring about his whereabouts and his contact information. My staff made some telephone calls to former law clerks and searched the Internet and were able to provide me with Judge Laureta's telephone number," she said.

Manglona said she called Laureta personally and that she was so happy and excited to make contact.

"It is truly a special treat for all of us here on Saipan to have both of you back," the chief judge said.

Veteran lawyer William M. Fitzgerald introduced Laureta and Munson during the ceremony. Fitzgerald, who practiced before both Laureta and Munson, shared some funny and interesting thoughts about the judges.

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Despite objections from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., the Fitial administration said recommendations made by HealthTech Management Services, Inc. cannot be ignored.

“The administration commissioned this [HealthTech] assessment to find ways to further improve the healthcare system in the Commonwealth. Therefore, it would not be prudent to outright ignore recommendations that we invested the grant funds in,” said press secretary Angel Demapan.

He revealed the turnaround management team recommended by HealthTech is intended “to stabilize the delivery and efficiency of healthcare.”

Privatization of the Commonwealth Health Center, he said, is an entirely separate issue that would require more review and detailed planning.

“Right now, it’s too soon to speculate [on privatization of the CHC],” he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the administration is analyzing all the recommendations to determine its next steps.

Demapan admits that funding is a major issue at this point, which is why Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is exploring the possibility of obtaining federal assistance for this undertaking.

It was earlier said that bringing in a team of experts to head the turnaround effort for the hospital will cost some $2 million.

Sources earlier told the corporation’s position against HealthTech’s recommendations, and CEO Juan N. Babauta confirmed this in a nine-page letter to Office of Insular Affairs Assistant Secretary Tony Babauta, who was recently on-island.

In his letter, CEO Babauta trumpeted the progress made by the corporation, claiming that it has already made the “turnaround” at the hospital and addressing many of the critical problems identified by the HealthTech analysis.

Babauta said he welcomes HealthTech’s assessment and does not dispute many of its findings but he does not agree that a new management team should be brought in for six months.

“The CHCC accepts many of the findings of HealthTech. In fact, the CHCC pointed out many of the problems and understand in depth their consequences because we have to deal with the problems on a day-to-day basis. Further, the CHCC believes that it will take longer than a six-month period of time that resources should be targeted to specific problems and benchmarks for success, and that there should be a long-term commitment to improving the capacity of the CHCC team at all levels,” CEO Babauta told OIA’s Babauta on his Oct. 29 letter, adding that “the CHCC is concerned that not addressing the approach of hiring a management team could lead to a slippery slope to privatization, which would be ill-advised for the CNMI.”

Evidence of turnaround

According to the corporation, it has been meeting its payroll for the past four pay periods and is resolving issues with many vendors.

He said the corporation has been reinstated as a provider of Medicare and was able to hire billers and coders for the implementation of its revenue cycle management. The HealthTech assessment found backlogged clinic bills from November 2011 but the corporation claims it is now only from April 2012—representing five-month worth of productivity in the cycle.

Because of this, Medicare issues have been resolved, although the CHCC is not fully caught up to its goal of having all bills generated within 30 days, according to CEO Babauta.

A major reason for the turnaround, he said, has been the development and application of CPE [certified public expenditure] methodology for calculating Medicaid patients.

Because of the newly established “recruitment and retention committee,” the coporation is now very close to signing a contract for a pediatrician, he said. Additionally, the corporation also hired for one year another pediatrician and an internal medicine doctor who will start next month.

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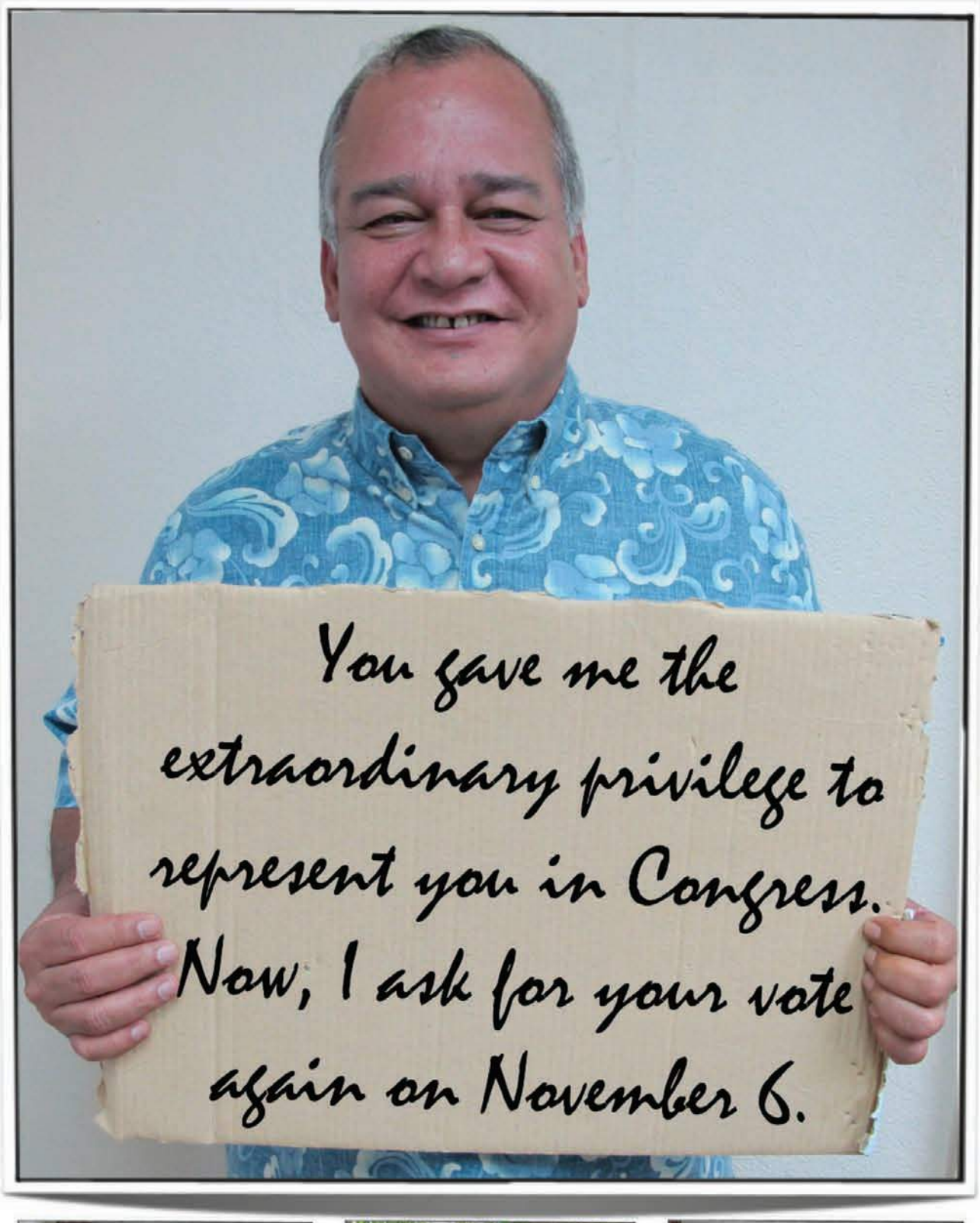

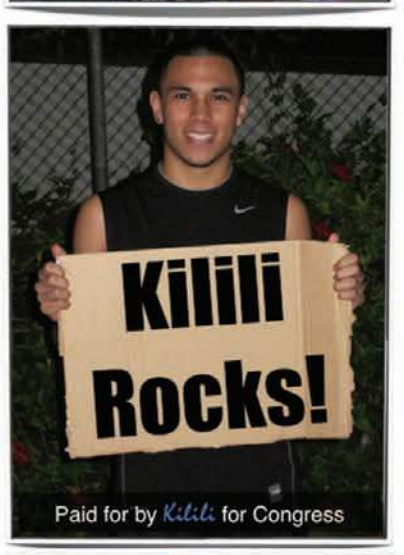

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Northeast travel slowly resumes

By JOSHUA FREED and DAVID KOENIG
AP AIRLINES WRITERS

Travel in the Northeast creaked back into motion Wednesday as Superstorm Sandy receded, allowing workers to check runways and railroad tracks for water damage.

It was a grinding, patchy recovery that made it clear that stranded travelers will struggle to get around for days to come.

All of New York's three major airports were expected to be open Thursday morning but under reduced schedules. Most Northeast rail service remained suspended. In New York City, some buses were running and subway service was expected to restart Thursday.

The busy Northeast travel corridor ground to a halt when Sandy slammed into New Jersey on Monday evening. Train tunnels flooded, power went out, and forecasts of high winds forced airlines to cancel thousands of flights.

FlightStats said the storm has caused more than 19,000 cancellations, including 2,820 cancellations Wednesday. The loss of East Coast flights stranded tourists in New York and kept travelers stuck in Hong Kong. The lack of trains left suburban commuters without a way into work.

On Wednesday, the first trickle of air travelers reached New York since the storm hit. John F. Kennedy International and Liberty Airport in Newark, N.J., both opened, but flights were limited. The airlines that did operate were mostly positioning planes for a fuller schedule on Thursday.

Peter and Sheryl Knight were scheduled to fly home to Washington from Hong Kong on Wednesday, but their Cathay Pacific Airways flight via JFK was canceled. The airline put them on a flight for Chicago on Thursday, where they would board another flight home.

"Hong Kong's not a bad place to be for another day," Peter Knight said.

Like the rest of the region, the airlines and airports are trying to overcome power outages, lack of mass transit, and the chance that salt water might have damaged equipment down to the runway lights.

"Considering how bad it is, I think the airlines have done a pretty good job," said George Hobica, who founded the airfarewatchdog.com travel website. He's booked on a flight from JFK to Los Angeles on Thursday afternoon and expects the flight to take off, although he expects lingering delays as airports continue to recover from the storm.

"It's not over until it's over," he said, "but the worst is over."

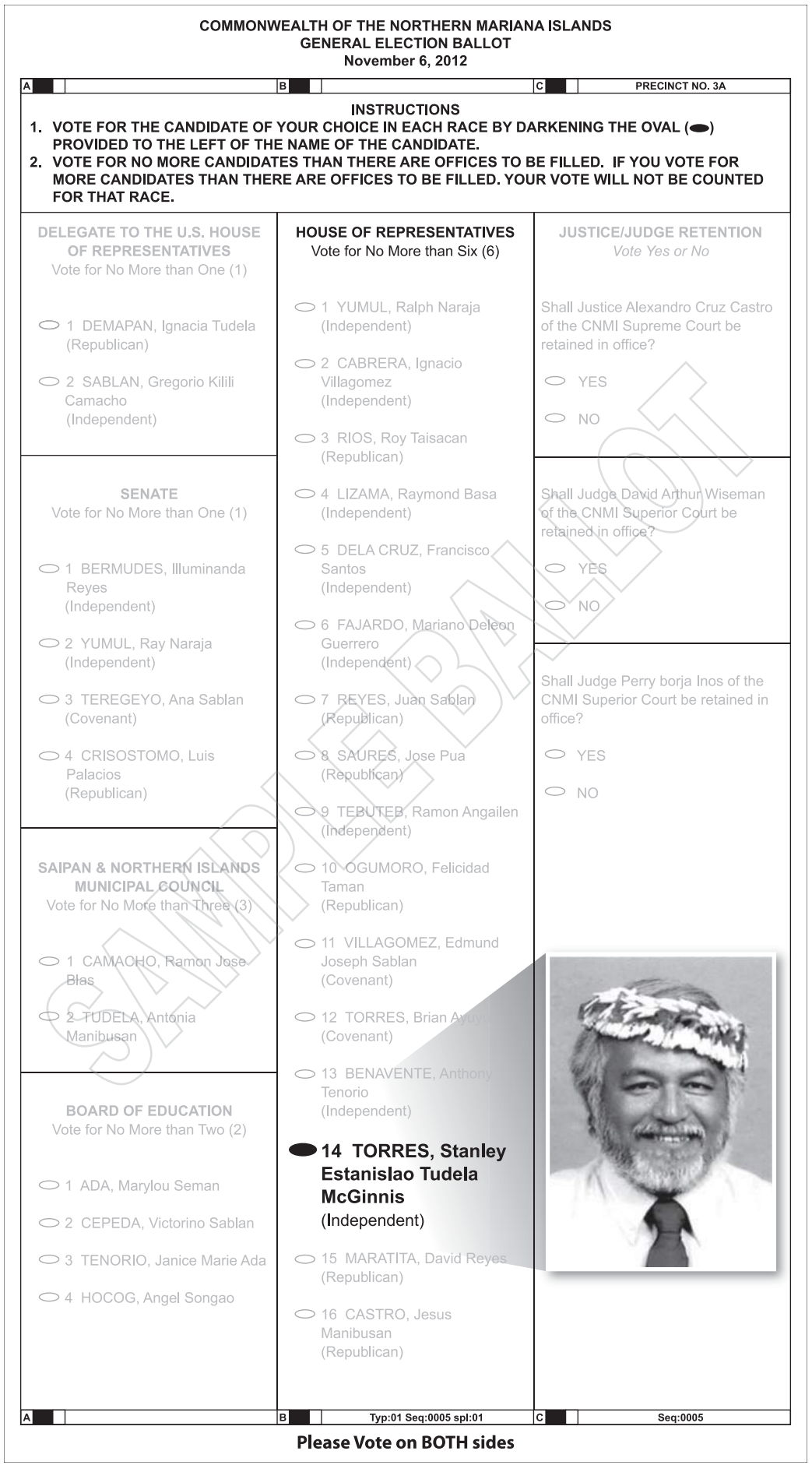
New York's third major airport, LaGuardia, will open at 7 a.m. EDT on Thursday, the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey said on its website. LaGuardia has just two runways that jut out into bays and are only a few feet above sea level. They were inundated by Sandy's huge surge.

American Airlines and Delta Air Lines and Southwest Airlines said they plan to restart LaGuardia flights on Thursday morning, with Southwest joining them in the afternoon. Delta spokesman Morgan Durrant said the airline intends to start landing planes around 7 a.m. and hopes to operate half of its normal LaGuardia schedule, while American is aiming for 70 percent.

"There is some damage to our offices and facilities," American Airlines spokeswoman Andrea Huguely said. "It's not pretty, but we can operate. Our employees are cleaning up for our customers."

Airline employees will face challenges getting to work. Not only is mass transit severely restricted, but driving in will be more difficult. Mayor Michael Bloomberg said that only cars with at least three passengers would be allowed to cross a bridge or enter a tunnel.

"There are a lot of contingencies before we can reopen at LaGuardia," Southwest spokesman Paul Flaningan said. "It's still barricaded at the front entrance, which makes drop-offs from taxis and buses difficult."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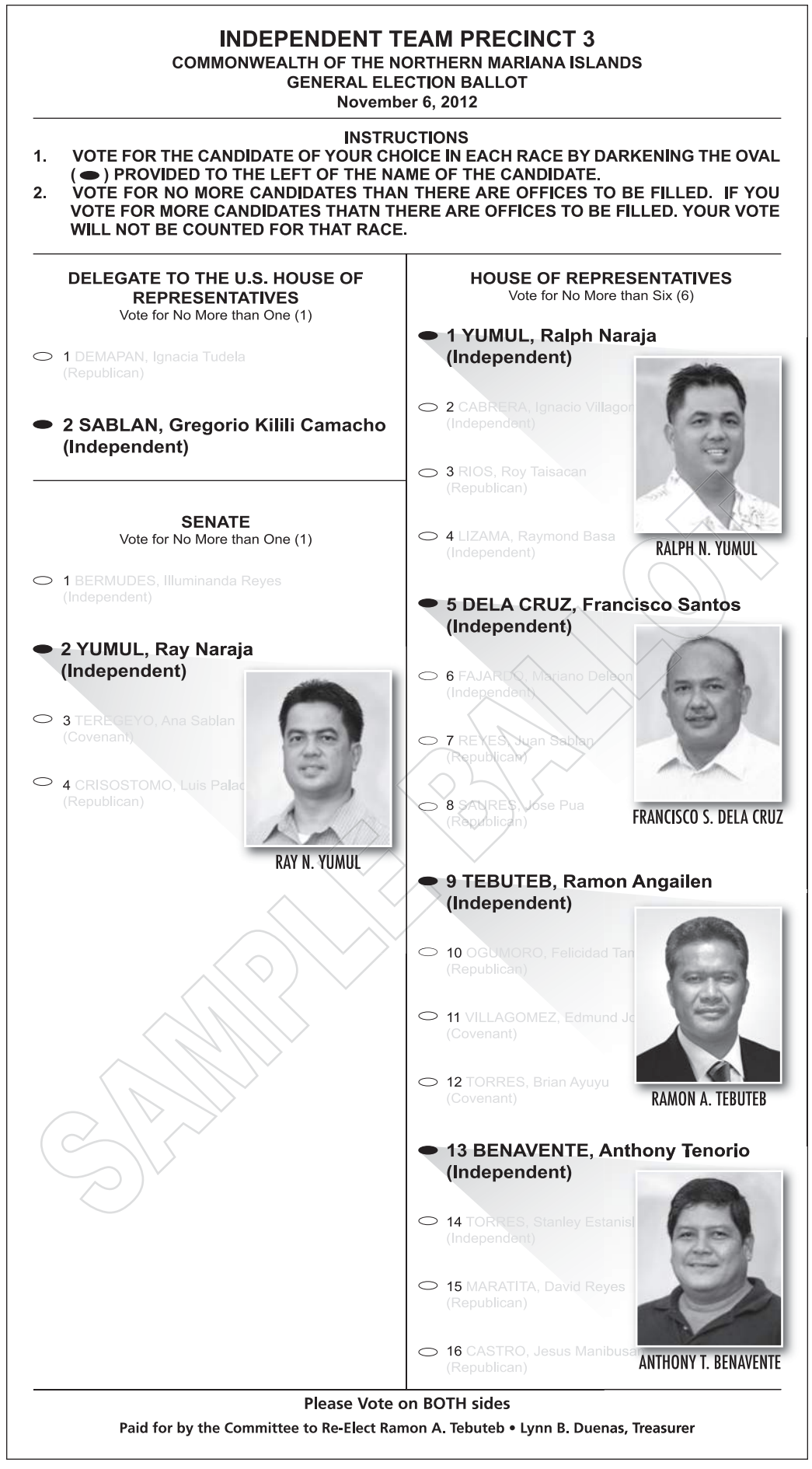
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Storm spins death and 'a lot of tears' along path

By CHRISTOPHER SULLIVAN
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Death blew in on the superstorm's wild winds and sea water torrents, claiming 90-year-olds and children with capriciously toppling trees, taking tall-ship adventurers in mountainous Atlantic waves and average folks just trying to deal with a freakish snowstorm. It felled both heroes rushing into harm's way and, ironically, people simply following advice to play it safe at home.

At least 63 died as the shape-shifting hurricane and winter storm ravaged the eastern U.S., and searchers continued looking for victims Wednesday.

In New York City, a college student went out to take pictures in the borough of Queens and was electrocuted by a downed power line, while across town on Staten Island, an off-duty policeman drowned after moving his family to safety.

Lauren Abraham, who went by the nickname LolaDiva on YouTube, was a makeup artist who worked out of a studio in her parents' Queens home. The recent beauty school graduate was studying at City University of New York's Lehman College, according to her Facebook page. "In her time of reflection she learned to find the beauty in even the darkest situations," her online bio reads.

As the superstorm ravaged New York and floodwater surged into his Staten Island house Monday evening, off-duty NYPD officer Artur Kasprzak, 28, shepherded six adult relatives and a baby to the attic.

Then, according to police, Kasprzak, a six-year veteran of the force, told one of the women he was going to check the basement. When he didn't return, she called 911. Police came quickly with a SCUBA unit, but couldn't access the home because power lines had fallen into the water.

"He went to the basement. And the water just started washing in," his sister Marta told the Daily News. "He was pushed into a window. ... The water just kept coming in."

Bunting draped a firehouse in Easton, Conn., honoring another first responder who rushed to help. Lt. Russell Neary was killed when an enormous tree crashed down on his fire truck as he and others tried to clear storm debris.

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Obama tours storm damage, Romney mutes rhetoric

BRIGANTINE, N.J. (AP)—President Barack Obama soberly toured the destruction wrought by superstorm Sandy on Wednesday in the company of New Jersey's Republican governor and assured victims "we will not quit" until cleanup and recovery are complete. Six days before their hard-fought election, rival Mitt Romney muted criticism of Obama as he barnstormed battleground Florida.

Forsaking partisan politics for the third day in a row, the president helicoptered with Gov. Chris Christie over washed-out roads, flooded homes, boardwalks bobbing in the ocean and, in Seaside Heights, a fire still burning after ruining about eight structures.

Back on the ground, the president introduced one local woman to "my guy Craig Fugate." In a plainspoken demonstration of the power of the presidency, Obama instructed the man at the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a 7,500-employee federal agency, to "make sure she gets the help she needs" immediately.

Despite the tour and Romney's own expressions of sympathy for storm victims—a break on the surface from heated campaigning—a controversy as heated as any in the long, intense struggle for the White House flared over the Republican challenger's new television and radio ads in Ohio.

"Desperation," Vice President Joe Biden said of the broadcast claims that suggested automakers General Motors and Chrysler are adding jobs in China at the expense of workers in the bellwether state. "One of the most flagrantly dishonest ads I can ever remember."

Republicans were unrepentant as Romney struggled for a breakthrough in the Midwest.

"American taxpayers are on track to lose $25 billion as a result of President Obama's handling of the auto bailout, and GM and Chrysler are expanding their production overseas," said an emailed statement issued in the name of Republican running mate Paul Ryan.

The two storms—one inflicted by nature, the other whipped up by rival campaigns—were at opposite ends of a race nearing its end in a flurry of early balloting by millions of voters, unrelenting advertising and so many divergent polls that the result was confusion, not clarity.

National surveys make the race a tight one for the popular vote, with Romney ahead by a statistically insignificant point or two in some, and Obama in others.

Both sides claim an advantage from battleground state soundings that also are tight. Obama's aides contend he is ahead or tied in all of them, while Romney's team counters that his campaign is expanding in its final days into what had long been deemed safe territory for the president in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Minnesota.

The storm added yet another element of uncertainty, as Obama spent a third straight day embracing his role as incumbent and Romney tried to tread lightly during a major East Coast disaster.

The president received a briefing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency across town from the White House before flying to New Jersey, where the shoreline absorbed some of the worst damage in a storm that killed 50 and laid waste to New York City's electrical and transportation systems.

Christie was waiting when Air Force One landed, and he and Obama, two figures in blue windbreakers, walked together toward the president's helicopter to begin their tour. It was a tableau that seemed impossible a week ago—a president struggling to defend his economic record in a tight election, flying off to a non-battleground state to spend the afternoon in the company of the man who delivered the keynote address at Romney's Republican National Convention this summer.

Three hours later, the two men spoke of one another in glowing terms.

"He has sprung into action immediately," said Christie.

Said Obama of the governor, "He has put his heart and soul into making sure the people of New Jersey bounce back stronger than before."

The storm forced an abrupt change in Romney's campaign, as well.

In Tampa, the Republican challenger said, "We love all of our fellow citizens. We come together at times like this, and we want to make sure that they have a speedy and quick recovery from their financial and, in many cases, personal loss." His criticism of Obama was glancing. "I don't just talk about change. I actually have a plan to execute change and make it happen."

Romney was spending the full day in the state, campaigning with former Gov. Jeb Bush. It was an unusual commitment of time in the final days of a close race, and an indication that Republicans view the state and its 29 electoral votes as anything but secure.

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Early Voting & Polling Place Designation Announcement

This is to inform all CNMI Voters that pursuant to 1 CMC §6222 and §6224, the 2012 General Election Early Voting period for the 1st Senatorial District of Rota, the 2nd Senatorial District of Tinian and the 3rd Senatorial District of Saipan will commence on Saturday, October 27th, 2012 and end on Monday, November 5th, 2012. The polling places for all 3 senatorial districts will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. each day, inclusive of weekends and holidays. The polling places for the Early Voting period are as follows:

1st Senatorial District – Rota	Rota DPS, Songsong Village ***(for residents of Rota, Saipan, Tinian & Northern Islands temporarily on Rota)***
2nd Senatorial District – Tinian	Tinian DPS, San Jose Tinian ***(for residents of Tinian, Saipan, Rota & Northern Islands temporarily on Tinian)***
3rd Senatorial District – Saipan	Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe ***(for residents of Saipan, Tinian, Rota & Northern Islands temporarily on Saipan)***

In addition, pursuant to 1 CMC §6105 (c), the CEC hereby announces the designated polling places for the upcoming November 6th, 2012 General Election. The polling places for the general election will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on the same day. The polling places are as follows:

Election District	Polling Place
Precinct 1A (San Antonio Area)	Hopwood Junior High School Cafeteria (Football field entrance)
Precinct 1B San Vicente/Dandan Area)	Dandan Elementary School (Dandan baseball/softball field entrance)
Precinct 1C (Koblerville Area)	Koblerville Youth Center (Adjacent DPS Substation)
Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Susupe)	Joeten/Kiyu Public Library
Precinct 3A (Oleai/Chalan Laulau Area)	Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium
Precinct 3B (Garapan Area)	Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria (North entrance)
Precinct 4A (Tanapag Area)	Tanapag Elementary Cafeteria
Precinct 4B (San Roque Area)	GTC Elementary School (San Roque)
Precinct 4C (Capitol Hill Area)	Jesus P. Mafnas Legislative Building
Precinct 4D (Northern Islands)	Northern Islands
Precinct 5 (Kagman Area)	Kagman Community Center
Precinct 6 (Tinian)	Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria
Precinct 7 (Rota)	NMC Campus-Rota

As mandated by 1 CMC §6218, voters must ensure that they bring with them a pictured ID as they will be required to present it in order to be issued a ballot at the polls. For more information, please contact the Commonwealth Election Commission at 664-8683(VOTE).

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Syria war puts anti-US alliance on the defensive

BEIRUT (AP)—When the Hamas rulers of Gaza recently gave a hero's welcome to the ruler of Qatar, an arch foe of the Syrian regime, it sent a strong message reverberating across the capitals in Tehran, Damascus and Beirut. The powerful, anti-American alliance of Iran, Syria and militant groups Hezbollah and Hamas, once dubbed the "Axis of Resistance," is fraying. Iran's economy is showing signs of distress from nuclear sanctions, Syria's president is fighting for his survival and Hezbollah in Lebanon is under fire by opponents who blame it for the assassination of an anti-Syrian intelligence official. Hamas—the Palestinian arm—has bolted. "We're seeing basically the resistance axis becoming much more vulnerable and under duress. So even if it survives, it's really under tremendous pressure," said Fawaz Gerges, director of the Middle East Center at the London School of Economics. "The Hamas shift to the Saudi-Qatari-Turkish orbit represents a major nail in the coffin of the resistance axis," he said. "Now you are talking about Iran and Syria and to a lesser extent Iraq and this undermines the social element because Hamas added the very important Sunni dimension." The axis is one of two powerful camps that divide the Middle East into spheres of competing influence. It faces off against the wealthy, powerful monarchies of Saudi Arabia and Qatar allied loosely with most of the other Arab countries and neighboring Turkey, which like Iran is Muslim but not Arab.

Worker: Japan nuke crisis crew not told of danger

IWAKI, Japan (AP)—The operator of a Japanese nuclear plant that went into a tsunami-triggered meltdown knew the risks from highly radioactive water at the site but sent in crews without adequate protection or warnings, a worker said in a legal complaint. The actions by Tokyo Electric Power Co. led to radiation injuries, said the contract worker, who was with a six-member team working at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi plant's Unit 3 reactor in the early days of last year's crisis. The worker gave a rare public account of what happened at the plant during the accident. He spoke to The Associated Press on the condition that he be identified only as Shinichi, his given name. Shinichi, 46, described a harrowing scene of darkness and fear, wading with headlamps into a flooded basement through steaming radioactive water that felt warm even through workers' boots.

China think tank urges gov't to end 1-child policy

BEIJING (AP)—A government think tank is urging Chinese leaders to start phasing out China's one-child policy immediately and allow two children for every family by 2015, a daring proposal to do away with the unpopular policy. Some demographers see the timeline put forward by the China Development Research Foundation as a bold move by the body close to the central leadership. Others warn that the gradual approach, if implemented, would still be insufficient to help correct the problems that China's strict birth limits have created. Xie Meng, a press affairs official with the foundation, said the final version of the report will be released "in a week or two." But Chinese state media have been given advance copies. The official Xinhua News Agency said the foundation recommends a two-child policy in some provinces from this year and a nationwide two-child policy by 2015. It proposes all birth limits be dropped by 2020, Xinhua reported.

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan
(Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of October 18, 2012 minutes
5. Public Comments (not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings)

B. Public Hearings
1. None

C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business.
1. Update on the proposed local bill for Saipan Adult Gambling Machine Businesses (Pokers)

E. New Business
1. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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PRODUCE: Onions 69¢ /lb; Potato 89¢ /lb; Garlic $1.25 5 pcs; Pechay 69¢ /lb; Green Cabbage 89¢ /lb; Fuji Apple $1.69 /lb; Cantaloupe $1.19 /lb; Honeydew 99¢ /lb; US Grapes $2.25 /lb; Orange 99¢ /lb; X-Large Eggs $2.29 U.S. /dozen $2.39 Brown /dozen

NON-FOOD: Vaseline Shampoo $2.49; Creamsilk Conditioner $2.49; Purex Ultra $4.75 50 fl.oz.; Tide Laundry Detergent $6.95 5kg; Ariel Laundry Detergent $2.99 900g; Huggies Pampers $18.99 box; Luvs Family Pack (All Sizes) $17.99 box; Mega Drypers $14.89; Colgate Toothpaste $2.29 150ml; Gold Flame Butane Gas $24.99 case; Toilet Tissue $3.25 10 rolls

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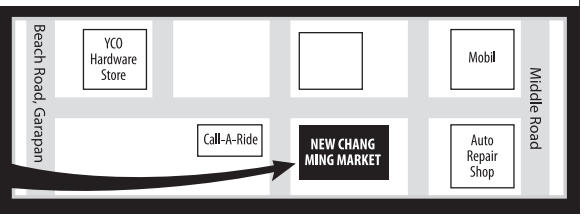

Off the Wall

Smugglers' SUV gets stuck atop Calif. border fence

YUMA, Ariz. (AP)—Suspected smugglers who tried to use ramps to drive an SUV over a 14-foot-tall border fence had to abandon their plan when the Jeep became stuck on top of the barrier, authorities said Wednesday.

Agents patrolling the U.S.-Mexico border near the Imperial Sand Dunes in California's southeast corner spotted the Jeep Cherokee teetering atop the fence early Tuesday, Border Patrol spokesman Spencer Tippets said. The vehicle was perched about five miles west of the Colorado River and the Arizona state line.

Two smugglers on the Mexican side of the border were trying to free the Jeep when the agents approached, Tippets said. They ran further into Mexico and escaped.

The Jeep was empty, but agents said it was probably filled with contraband like bales of marijuana before it got high-centered atop the fence.

The smugglers had built ramps to drive up and over the fence, something that has been tried at least once before. In April 2011, agents found a truck that had ramps built onto it and had driven up to the border fence. A pickup had driven up and over the fence, but it was spotted and its occupants were captured, Tippets said.

The agency's Yuma sector has seen a 95 percent reduction in human smuggling in recent years, freeing up agents to focus on drug smugglers.

"Because of how successful we are we don't have all the clutter like we had in years past," Tippets said. "Now that all the clutter is gone, we're able to focus on things that are bigger threats."

Skeleton found when historic Conn. tree uprooted

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—New Haven police say superstorm Sandy has revealed a skeleton beneath the town green that may have been there since Colonial times. Police spokesman David Hartman says a woman who was with other bystanders looking at a fallen oak tree called police Tuesday after she saw bones in the upturned roots. Hartman says the tree was planted on the green in 1909 on the 100th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. He says the remains likely belong to one of thousands of people buried there in Colonial times. The remains will be evaluated by the state medical examiner. Katie Carbo, who called police, tells the New Haven Independent she saw something in the tree roots, and found the bones when she removed some dirt. She says the skeleton "should be given a proper burial."

Halloween-colored lobster caught

This image released by the New England Aquarium shows a one-pound female lobster, known as a "split," that was caught by a Massachusetts fisherman last week and arrived at the aquarium in Boston, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012.

AP

BOSTON (AP)—A Massachusetts fisherman has caught a creepy-looking lobster that's colored to match Halloween.

The New England Aquarium says the 1-pound female lobster has an orange side and a black side, with the colors split perfectly down the middle.

Marine officials say such coloration is estimated to occur once in every 50 million lobsters.

The fisherman who caught the seasonally colored crustacean in a trap last week is from Beverly, a seaside community 20 miles northeast of Boston.

The rare lobster is known as a split. Aquarium officials said Wednesday splits have been caught in Maine, Rhode Island and Nova Scotia in the last 10 years.

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Science & Technology

Don't let ads take over your browser

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: My Internet Explorer browser recently started opening a new window for advertisements from "servads.com." I have enabled the pop-up advertising blocker, but it doesn't seem to help. What should I do?—Sandi Rabrich, Tucson, Ariz.

ANSWER: You've acquired some malicious software. It's either a browser add-on, which is supposed to add functionality to the browser, or a program that hijacks your browser and changes it to direct you to advertising or malicious websites.

Malicious add-ons can cause pop-up advertising or cause Internet Explorer to abruptly shut down. The first step in getting rid of them is to use a version of the browser that doesn't allow add-on software to work. Click "Start," "All Programs," "Accessories," "Systems Tools" and then click on "Internet Explorer (No Add-ons)."

If that works, you'll know an add-on is the problem. Just disable them one at a time, then start up the regular Internet Explorer to see if you've found the offending add-on.

The warning signs of browser hijacking software are a continuous flow of pop-up advertisements, a changed home page, the addition of toolbars, icons or links related to websites you don't normally visit, an inability to go to security software websites, or sluggish computer performance.

To get rid of hijack software, restart the browser and download security software, such as the free Microsoft Security Essentials at http://www.tinyurl.com/9cvhj5o. If necessary, reset your browser's home page by going to "Tools," then "Internet Options." You may want to disable the browser's ability to use add-ons; see http://www.tinyurl.com/8gmckt2.

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Q: Since I last updated Windows, I've started getting the error message "dwm.exe-application error." I'm told this is probably a Windows Registry error, and that I need to clean the registry. What's the best program to do that?—Lana Luhm, Eau Claire, Wis.

A: DWM (Desktop Windows Manager) is Windows software that creates special visual effects, such as transparent windows. Before cleaning the always-sensitive registry, a database of configuration settings and options, try Windows System Restore, which undoes changes made to your PC.

Click the "Start" button, type "System Restore" in the search box, then click "System Restore" in the list above. On the page titled "Restore system, files and settings," click "Next." On the following page, check the box next to "Show more restore points." Select a date prior to your last update and click "Next."

If no restore points are available for that time period, try one of the free registry cleaning programs at http://www.tinyurl.com/9ysygux.

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The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

LOT NO.:	003 D 16	ADETFA ST., GARAPAN	**MINIMUM BID :**	$ 93,000.00
LOT NO.:	010 K 05	MAGICIENNE BAY AVE., DAN DAN	**MINIMUM BID :**	$ 42,219.36
LOT NO.:	003 D 22	ADETFA ST., GARAPAN	**MINIMUM BID :**	$ 85,500.00

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on December 3, 2012, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be $(please see above).
2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facisimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
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6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
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   b. An up-front payment of ten percent (10%) of the Lease Price must be paid upon award by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard).
   c. The balance of the Lease Price shall accrue interest at six percent (6%) per annum.
   d. Monthly payments of the Lease will be considered rental payments only and not installments toward purchase and shall not grant the lessee any equity or ownership interest in the property or be construed in any way to encumber NMHC's rights, title and interest in the property beyond the granting of a lease for a specific term of years.
   e. Maximum acceptable Lease term shall be thirty (30) years.
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      iv. Lease not to be assigned or mortgaged without prior written consent of NMHC.
      v. Failure to make a monthly payment grounds for termination and eviction.
      vi. Lease may, at the request of lessee, contain an Option to Purchase provision exercisable upon: (A) payment in full of the Lease Price; (B) the Lease not having been declared to be in default; and (C) payment of $100.00 option consideration. If the option is properly exercised, a quitclaim deed will be given.
   g. In the event of competing lease bids, greater weight will be given to the leasehold offer with the better price, shorter term and larger monthly payments.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2012.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP13-GOV-018

Program Management: CNMI Water Task Force

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Eloy S. Inos, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Request for Proposals for Program Management for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, on or after October 25, 2012.

Questions regarding this Request for Proposal must be submitted in writing to **CNMI Water Task Force**, by facsimile to **(670) 664-2279**, no later than October 29, 2012.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. Award of this project is contingent upon receipt of project approval from DOI/OIA.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-210. Preference per Public Law 15-95 as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Program Management" RFP13-GOV-018**. One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Sealed proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base Drive, Saipan **no later than 2:00 p.m., (CNMI local Time) November 9, 2012**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so shall be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/BENIGNO R. FITIAL
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/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

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Wreck-It Ralph 2D

Friday	4:05
Saturday & Sunday	4:05
Monday	4:05
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:05

Cast: John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman
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Monday	1:15	7:15
Tuesday thru Thursday		7:15

Cast: Stephen Dunham, Alexondra Lee
Genre: Horror • Rated R

Here Comes The Boom

Friday		4:00	7:00	9:30
Saturday & Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00	9:30
Monday	1:00	4:00	7:00	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:00	7:00	

Cast: Kevin James, Henry Winkler, Salma Hayek
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG

Fun Size

Friday	4:15	9:45
Saturday & Sunday	4:15	9:45
Monday	4:15	
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:15	

Cast: Victoria Justice, Thomas Mann, Chelsea Handler
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG 13

Silent Hill: Revelation 3D

Friday		7:30	10:00
Saturday & Sunday	1:30	7:30	10:00
Monday	1:30	7:30	
Tuesday thru Thursday		7:30	

Cast: Adelaide Clemens, Carrie-Anne Moss
Genre: Horror • Rated R

Silent Hill: Revelation 2D

Friday	4:30
Saturday & Sunday	4:30
Monday	4:30
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:30

Cast: Adelaide Clemens, Carrie-Anne Moss
Genre: Horror • Rated R

A Secret Affair

Friday		4:10	7:10	9:40
Saturday & Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:40
Monday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Tuesday thru Thursday		4:10	7:10	

Cast: Anne Curtis, Derek Ramsay, Andi Eigenmann
Genre: Romance, Drama • Rated PG 13

Pitch Perfect

Friday		4:20	7:20	9:55
Saturday & Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:55
Monday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Sunday thru Thursday		4:20	7:20	

Cast: Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin, Ben Platt
Genre: Comedy • Rated PG13

Hotel Transylvania 3D

Friday		7:25	9:50
Saturday & Sunday	1:25	7:25	9:50
Monday	1:25	7:25	
Tuesday thru Thursday		7:25	

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

Hotel Transylvania 2D

Friday	4:25
Saturday & Sunday	4:25
Monday	4:25
Tuesday thru Thursday	4:25

Cast: Adam Sandler, Selena Gomez, Kevin James
Genre: Children's/family • Rated PG

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Life & Style

Spielberg, Day-Lewis unite for epic 'Lincoln' tale

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The task of encapsulating the essence of Abraham Lincoln in a single film took Steven Spielberg roughly three times as long as it took the 16th president to win the Civil War, abolish slavery and put the country on the course to recovery.

Creating such a historical epic may not compare to the colossal task of saving a bloodily divided nation. But by Hollywood standards, "Lincoln" is as monumental as it gets, even for a couple of multiple Academy Award winners as Spielberg and the man he cast to play the president, Daniel Day-Lewis.

Born in Britain, Day-Lewis had to think about Lincoln not only as a towering historical figure, but also as a foreign statesman whose portrayal would be a sensitive matter for U.S. audiences that revere the president.

"Because of the nature of the iconography surrounding his life and the extent to which he is mythologized and carved in stone, it's very difficult to imagine that one could ever approach him, to get close enough," Day-Lewis said in a recent interview alongside Spielberg.

"I was very shy about the idea of taking on this. Plus, I like working here. I've been tremendously privileged in being able to work in this country over the years. The idea of desecrating the memory of the most-beloved president this country has ever known was just kind of a fearful thing to me," said Day-Lewis, who earned best-actor Oscars for "My Left Foot" and "There Will Be Blood."

AP

In this undated publicity photo released by DreamWorks and Twentieth Century Fox, Daniel Day-Lewis, center, as President Abraham Lincoln, looks across a battlefield in the aftermath of a terrible siege in this scene from director Steven Spielberg's drama "Lincoln."

Spielberg had long considered a film about Lincoln. He did not want to tell the whole life story, from Lincoln's rail-splitting days as a youth to his assassination right after the war ended.

He also did not want to make a Civil War film loaded with grand battles or tell the story of a war through one man's eyes. Spielberg already had done similar stories set in World War II with "Schindler's List," the Holocaust saga that won him best-picture and director Oscars, and "Saving Private Ryan," the combat epic that brought him his second directing trophy.

His approach began to coalesce in 1999 when he met with historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, who was in the early stages of writing her mammoth book "Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," a detailed chronicle of the unlikely alliances Lincoln formed with political opponents who initially considered him an unqualified upstart.

Her book traced the careers of Lincoln and his three competitors for the 1860 Republican presidential nomination and followed his White House years during the war through his assassination five years later. The notion of a politician turning bitter rivals into supporters and facilitators struck Spielberg as the ideal way to present the spirit of Lincoln.

Spielberg acquired film rights to Goodwin's book when only a few chapters had been written. As Goodwin labored away on the writing, Spielberg had to condense what would become a 950-page account into a story that could play out on the screen in two and a half hours.

An early draft of the screenplay by playwright Tony Kushner ("Angels in America") ran to 550 pages.

"It was a miniseries, not a motion picture," Spielberg said. "Brilliant pages, but certainly not a single motion picture or any practical motion picture.

Disney unlikely to change 'Star Wars' brand

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Naysayers would have you believe Disney's purchase of Lucasfilm can only mean one thing: Bambi and Mickey Mouse are sure to appear in future "Star Wars" movies taking up lightsabers against the dark side of the Force.

Not so, say experts who've watched Disney's recent acquisition strategy closely. If anything, The Walt Disney Co. has earned credibility with diehard fans by keeping its fingerprints off important film franchises like those produced by its Marvel Entertainment and Pixar divisions.

"They've been pretty clearly hands-off in terms of letting the creative minds of those companies do what they do best," says Todd Juenger, an analyst with Bernstein Research. "Universally, people think they pulled it off."

Though the Walt Disney Co. built its reputation on squeaky clean family entertainment, its brand today is multifaceted. Disney, of course, started as an animation studio in 1923 with characters such as Oswald the Lucky Rabbit and Mickey Mouse. Over the years, the company ventured into live action movies, opened theme parks, launched a fleet of cruise ships and debuted shows on TV.

By way of acquisitions over the last few decades, it has ballooned into a company with $40.9 billion in annual revenue and a market value of $88 billion. Disney bought Capital Cities/ABC in 1995 for $19 billion, Pixar for $7.4 billion in 2006, Marvel for $4.2 billion in 2009 and this week, it said it will purchase Lucasfilm and the "Star Wars" franchise for $4.05 billion.

Disney's acquisition of Marvel Entertainment in 2009 offers the best example of how it might treat Lucasfilm and the "Star Wars" universe.

Marvel was in the midst of a storyline that would span several films following the smash hit success of its first self-produced movie, "Iron Man," in 2008. When Disney bought it a year later, it continued reading from the comic book giant's playbook, releasing in subsequent years "Iron Man 2," ''Thor," ''Captain America" and then this year, "The Avengers," which brought heroes from those movies together in one giant film that grossed $1.5 billion at the box office.

Now, "Avengers" director Joss Whedon is working on the sequel and developing a Marvel-based TV series for Disney-owned ABC.

Rick Marshall, a journalist and blogger who writes about the comic book and movie industries, was skeptical when Disney bought Marvel. But his doubts quickly melted when it was clear Disney wouldn't taint the Marvel universe by getting too involved.

"I was the first one to say there's going to be a Goofy-Wolverine crossover," Marshall said. "We haven't seen that .... Disney was able to step away."

Recent history ought to assuage "Star Wars" fans who fear the Disney empire. But that hasn't stopped many of them from posting an array of video and pictorial mash-ups and jokes online as they poke fun at their darkest fears: Luke Skywalker staring into the distance at a mouse-eared sun and Darth Vader telling Donald Duck that he's his father.

What Disney did with Marvel was merely amplify its presence in theme parks, stores and theaters, observers say.

Disney's formula for success with Marvel was not to tamper with storylines, but to bring the existing franchise under its corporate umbrella.

Before it was acquired, Marvel paid Paramount Pictures a percentage of movie ticket sales to advertise its movies, make film prints and get them into theaters. Disney has those capabilities, so now that money doesn't go out the door. Disney also has a worldwide network of staff that help put Marvel toys on store shelves, expanding their reach and saving the money that Marvel used to pay third-party merchandise middlemen.

Owning Marvel also gives Disney a steady flow of super hero cartoons for its pay TV channel, Disney XD. These kind of logistical savings allow Disney to profit from ownership while not interfering in the creative process.

"Marvel does seem like it's running pretty independently and staying pretty close to its roots," said Janney Capital Markets analyst Tony Wible.

Despite volume, no plan to limit Sistine tourists

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Five centuries after Michelangelo's ceiling of frescoes was inaugurated in the Sistine Chapel, Pope Benedict XVI on Wednesday celebrated the "symphony of figures" contemplated during prayer.

Benedict marked the anniversary by saying vespers beneath the frescoes, as his predecessor Julius II had half a millennium earlier.

The pope said that contemplating the frescoes in the chapel of the Apostolic Palace renders them "more beautiful still, more authentic. They reveal all of their beauty."

"It is as if during the liturgy, all of this symphony of figures come to life, certainly in a spiritual sense, but inseparably also aesthetically," the pope said.

At least 10,000 people visit the site each day, raising concerns about temperature, dust and humidity affecting the famed art. But a Vatican Museums official says there are no plans to try to limit tourists' access.

AP

In this April 16, 2005 file photo, tables and chairs line the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican in preparation for the conclave.

Museums Director Antonio Paolucci said in an article in the Vatican newspaper on Wednesday that sometimes as many as 20,000 people a day visit the chapel. But, he said, for the time being "the adoption of a maximum number (of visitors) will not be necessary."

'Jersey Shore' cast sends support to Sandy victims

The town that for millions made "Jersey Shore" synonymous with Snooki and fist-pumping was among the hardest hit by Superstorm Sandy—and its famous summer residents sent their prayers to those affected.

"Sandy destroyed Seaside—our second home," Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi told MTV News in a statement. "It's devastating to see our boardwalk and favorite spots ruined. My prayers go out to everyone affected by the storm."

Jenni "JWoww" Farley appeared on the "Tonight Show," and host Jay Leno asked about the house she owns with her fiance, Roger, in Toms River.

"Fixable, I want to say. It's really, it like hurts the heart a lot. It's really kind of devastating," she said. But as long as like my dogs, Roger's safe, my friends are safe, we're just all without power."

Vinny Guadagnino told MTV that Seaside Heights had become his second home, while Paul "Pauly D" DelVecchio sent thanks to the "heroes" who were working to help. Sammi Giancola called the impact "devastating."

Guadagnino tweeted that Staten Island, N.Y., where he lives, "looks like war zone" and posted a picture of a downed tree.

He, Farley and DelVecchio asked their Twitter followers to donate $10 to the American Red Cross by texting REDCROSS to 90999. Polizzi also said she would donate but was more true to form: "Ugh trying to change my son's diaper while holding a flash light is not easy," she wrote from East Hanover, using the hashtag "nopower." ***(AP)***

Brad Pitt donates $100K for gay marriage effort

WASHINGTON (AP)—Brad Pitt has agreed to donate $100,000 to help the Human Rights Campaign raise money for its efforts to support same-sex marriage initiatives in several states.

Pitt

The nation's largest gay rights group announced Wednesday that Pitt agreed to match contributions from the group's members up to $100,000.

In an e-mail to members of the Human Rights Campaign, Pitt wrote that it's "unbelievable" that people's relationships will be put to a vote on Election Day.

Same-sex marriage will be on the ballot in Maryland, Maine, Minnesota and Washington state.

The Washington, D.C.-based Human Rights Campaign says it has spent $8 million to push for marriage equality for gays and lesbians over the past two years, including $5 million in the four ballot measures this year.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Uzbek dictator's daughter has a role for Depardieu

MOSCOW (AP)—French actor Gerard Depardieu will reportedly play a part in the film based on a script written by the daughter of Uzbekistan's authoritarian President Islam Karimov. Gulnara Karimova has frequently been touted as a potential successor to her iron-fisted father who has ruled the ex-Soviet nation for 23 years. Karimova is feted back home as a diplomat, philanthropist, singer and fashion designer, but her critics say she has used her power to forcibly take over businesses across the Central Asian nation. Uzbek filmmaker Akbar Khakimov told Olam.uz news agency Wednesday that Depardieu will play a Christian monk in the film set in Central Asia around sixth century. Last year, New York's Fashion Week canceled a show by Karimova under pressure from human rights groups that criticized child labor in the Uzbek cotton industry.

Penn gets multiple requests in Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—It's not clear whether Sean Penn knew ahead of his visit to Bolivia of the missions he'd be asked to assume by President Evo Morales. Cabinet chief Juan Ramon Quintana told reporters after Tuesday's meeting that Morales asked the Oscar-winning actor to defend the chewing of coca leaf before the United Nations, lobby Chile to restore Bolivia's long-lost access to the Pacific Ocean and help persuade the United States to extradite a former Bolivian president. Penn is already a goodwill ambassador for Haiti, where he has won respect for his post-earthquake charity work. Asked by reporters about the missions he'd been asked to assume, Penn answered curtly. "I am ambassador of Haiti," he said. Penn later showed up for the start of a soccer match with Morales.

European leader praises sculptor Brancusi

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)—The president of the European Parliament says he believes art works by Romanian sculptor Contantin Brancusi should be added to UNESCO's list of World Heritage sites. Speaking at the end of a two-day visit to Romania on Wednesday, Martin Schulz praised the open-air sculptures of Brancusi, the son of Romanian peasants who lived most of his life in Paris. The works included Brancusi's "Gate of the Kiss," ''the Endless Column" and "The Table of Silence" in the central town of Targu Jiu. "It's is a very fascinating place," said Schulz. Siding with many Romanians, he told reporters: "I support the idea that (they) should be on the UNESCO list. I was really touched by these things." He added he was grateful to have finally learned how to pronounce the sculptor's name correctly.

Belgian royals complain to ethics body over book

BRUSSELS (AP)—The royal palace has lodged a complaint with a media ethics group over the publication of a book highlighting alleged dalliances and private family information about leading members of Belgium's monarchy. Wednesday's rare move by the palace came after the publication last week of the book "Royal Questions" by journalist Frederic Deborsu, in which suggestions were made, among others, about the lack of love within the marriage of Crown Prince Philippe. The crown prince himself already made an equally rare reaction last week, saying: "The day that Mathilde said 'yes' to my proposal was the happiest day of my life." Deborsu's employer, the public broadcaster RTBF, said he will be barred from appearing on the TV channel for at least a month but refused to call that a penalty.

Steer daughter to counseling after son-in-law is in jail

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: We recently learned that our son-in-law, "Mike," was fired from his job as a community service officer with the county. He committed second-degree criminal sexual assault on two women inmates he was supervising and is now in the process of going to court. We hope he'll be convicted and sent away so our daughter can put her life together.

This has torn our family apart. We don't know how to get through to her that she deserves so much better than this. She refuses to divorce him even though this was happening during their marriage and her pregnancy, She claims she's not being abused, but we have seen how controlling Mike has been throughout their courtship and marriage.

How can we help her realize that life without him would be so much better and that sex offenders are never really "cured"? They tell us they are "constantly praying" and that "God has already forgiven" him for what he has done. Any advice you can offer would be greatly appreciated.

WORRIED PARENTS

DEAR WORRIED PARENTS: Your son-in-law's abuse of his authority is appalling. But as long as he's still around and "constantly praying" (probably more for a sympathetic jury than forgiveness for what he did to those women), you won't get through to your daughter.

Fortunately, the justice system has sentencing guidelines for men who abuse their power the way Mike has, and he may be going away for a long, long time. Once he's gone, start talking to your daughter about counseling to deal with the trauma she has been through, and let a mental health professional shed some light on this. If the message comes from a person with no bias, it stands a better chance of getting through.

P.S. I wholeheartedly agree she would be better off without him.

DEAR ABBY: I live in Arizona where the temperature can hit 100 degrees and we get 300-plus days of sunshine every year. I always have my 5-month-old son wear his sunglasses when he goes outside, and I get the most asinine comments from total strangers! Everything from "Can I have his autograph?" to "Does he think he's cool?" How can they be so dumb? People, tiny eyes need protection too!

A NEW MOMMY

DEAR NEW MOMMY: The individuals you describe aren't "dumb"; they are making a failed attempt at humor. However, I showed your letter to Beverly Hills ophthalmologist Peter Cornell, M.D., who told me:

"It's ideal for everyone—regardless of age—to protect their eyes from ultraviolet light. And it's advisable for babies to be protected when they're outside. But it is NOT as 'crucial' with children as it is for older individuals, because their bodies are better able to repair oxidative damage. That said, ultraviolet light is not the friend of anyone's eyes."

DEAR ABBY: I was married recently but kept my maiden name. As wedding gifts, we received two sets of towels monogrammed with my husband's last initial, and a plaque for the front of the house—"House of (his last name), Established 2012."

While we appreciate this generosity, I'm sure we will not put the items to use. (The plaque was from a close family member on my husband's side who knew I would be keeping my name.) How do we handle this?

PERPLEXED NEWLYWED IN CLEVELAND

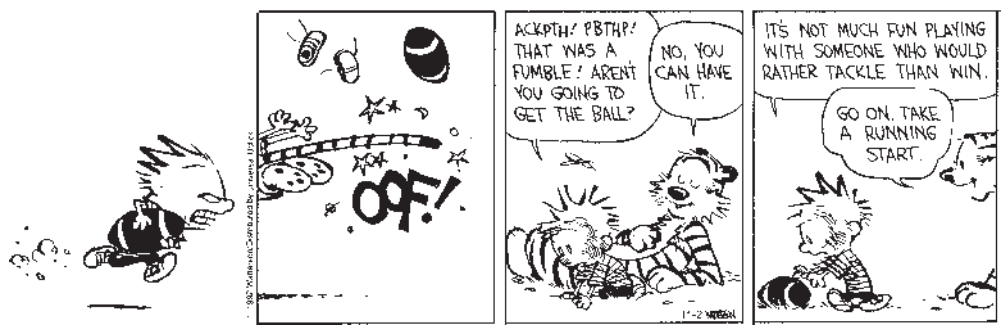
DEAR PERPLEXED: Here's how: Consign the plaque to your husband's man-cave (or toss it), use the towels for something other than display, and write a gracious thank-you to the family members who gave them to you for their thoughtfulness.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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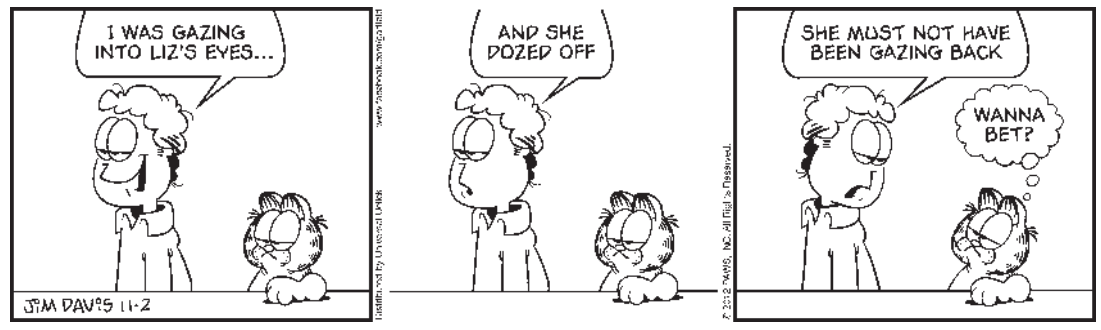
ACKPTH! PBTHP! THAT WAS A FUMBLE! AREN'T YOU GOING TO GET THE BALL?
NO, YOU CAN HAVE IT.
IT'S NOT MUCH FUN PLAYING WITH SOMEONE WHO WOULD RATHER TACKLE THAN WIN.
GO ON. TAKE A RUNNING START.

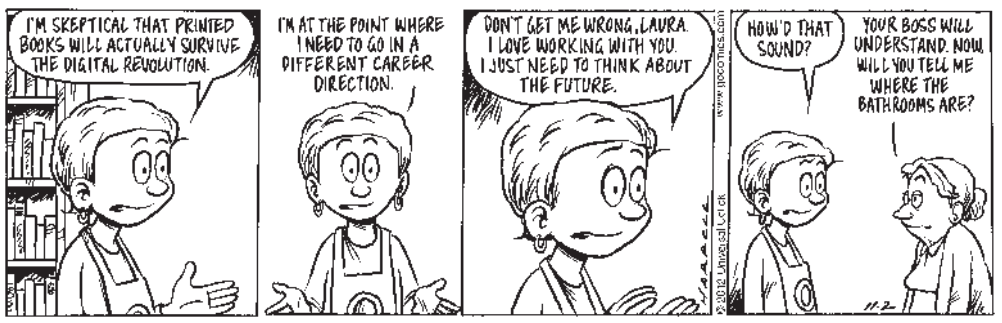
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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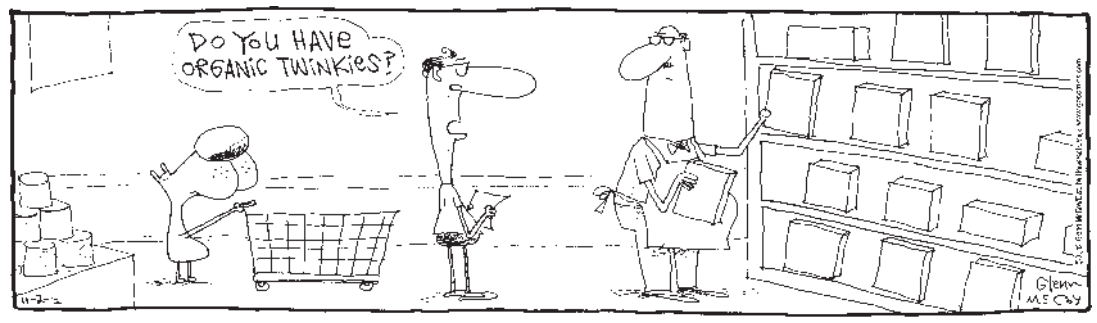
I'M AT THE POINT WHERE I NEED TO GO IN A DIFFERENT CAREER DIRECTION.
DON'T GET ME WRONG, LAURA. I LOVE WORKING WITH YOU. I JUST NEED TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE.
HOW'D THAT SOUND?
YOUR BOSS WILL UNDERSTAND. NOW, WILL YOU TELL ME WHERE THE BATHROOMS ARE?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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Happy Birthday: Spending must be monitored closely. Be inventive and make your dollars stretch. Use your innovative ideas to come up with ways to bring in extra cash. Upgrade your skills and take on new ventures that promise ongoing work and advancement. Use your charm to get ahead. Your numbers are 3, 10, 17, 20, 32, 37, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Lighten up. All work and no play will lead to emotional upset. Put everything aside and you will enhance your relationships and feel good about your future. Don't be a poor sport. You'll get better responses if you are fun to be with. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Nurture a relationship and you will benefit. A trip to visit someone you have a concern with will help you resolve issues. Strengthen your position and protect what you have worked so hard to achieve. Creative solutions will be recognized. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Face controversy head-on, refusing to back down from anyone trying to take over your territory. Pull in favors that will allow you to surpass any competition you face. Love is highlighted, and a late-night celebration should be planned. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Connect with people who have something to offer. A change in the way you handle your money, people and the projects you want to pursue will help you excel. Added discipline will help you recognize what's required of you in order to prosper. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Truth rules and will be beneficial in the end. Problems at home and with family will keep you busy. Do your best to find workable solutions that don't cost too much. Hands-on help coupled with enthusiasm and good ideas will pay off. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Learn from observation and listening to how others perceive what's unfolding. Troubles at home due to disagreements should be avoided at all costs. It's best to ride out the storm and make adjustments later. Keep your life simple and moderate. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You've got what it takes to excel. Don't hesitate to take over and do your thing. Your ability to adapt to whatever changes happen around you will give you the edge and should lead to greater respect and a higher position. Love is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Enforce an idea you have. Fear of failure must not be your demise. Own mistakes and learn from them. An emotional relationship with someone you trust will give you the courage you need to press forward. Don't be afraid to be a little different. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Buy yourself time regarding matters that have to deal with you parting with your cash. Focus more on relationships and what others have to offer you. Make changes at home that will encourage your love life to be enhanced. Collect debts. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Put your expertise to work without gloating. It's in your best interest to remain humble and generous to those you encounter personally and professionally. Don't allow jealousy to create dissatisfaction. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Stick close to home and focus on improvements that will cut your overhead, ease your stress and make important relationships better. The more you do to fix up your place or to build a strong home base, the less opposition you will face. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Put time and effort into financial, medical and legal settlements that are pending. You can push others to resolve issues that will help you move forward with other dreams, hopes and wishes for the future. Avoid excess or overindulgent people. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are changeable, in search of improvement and intent on being successful.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SALLY RIDE (1951–2012) **Solution: 8 letters**

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vs.	]	
HILBERT HENRY C. SAN NICOLAS, Defendant.	]	NOTICE OF SALE

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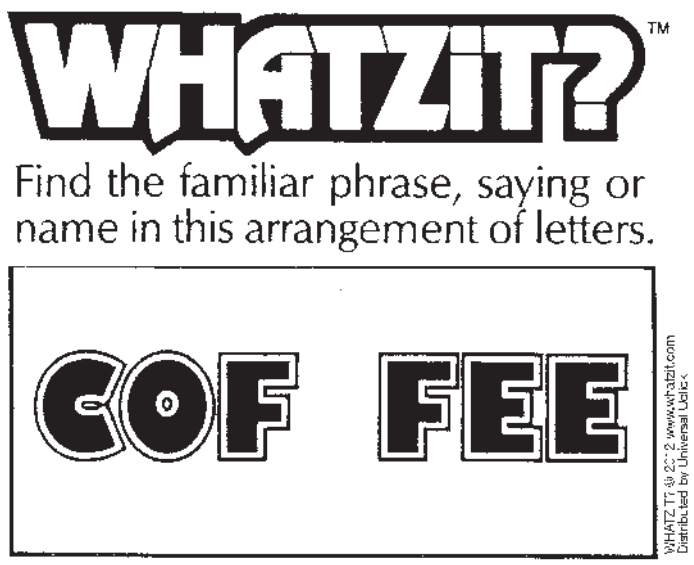
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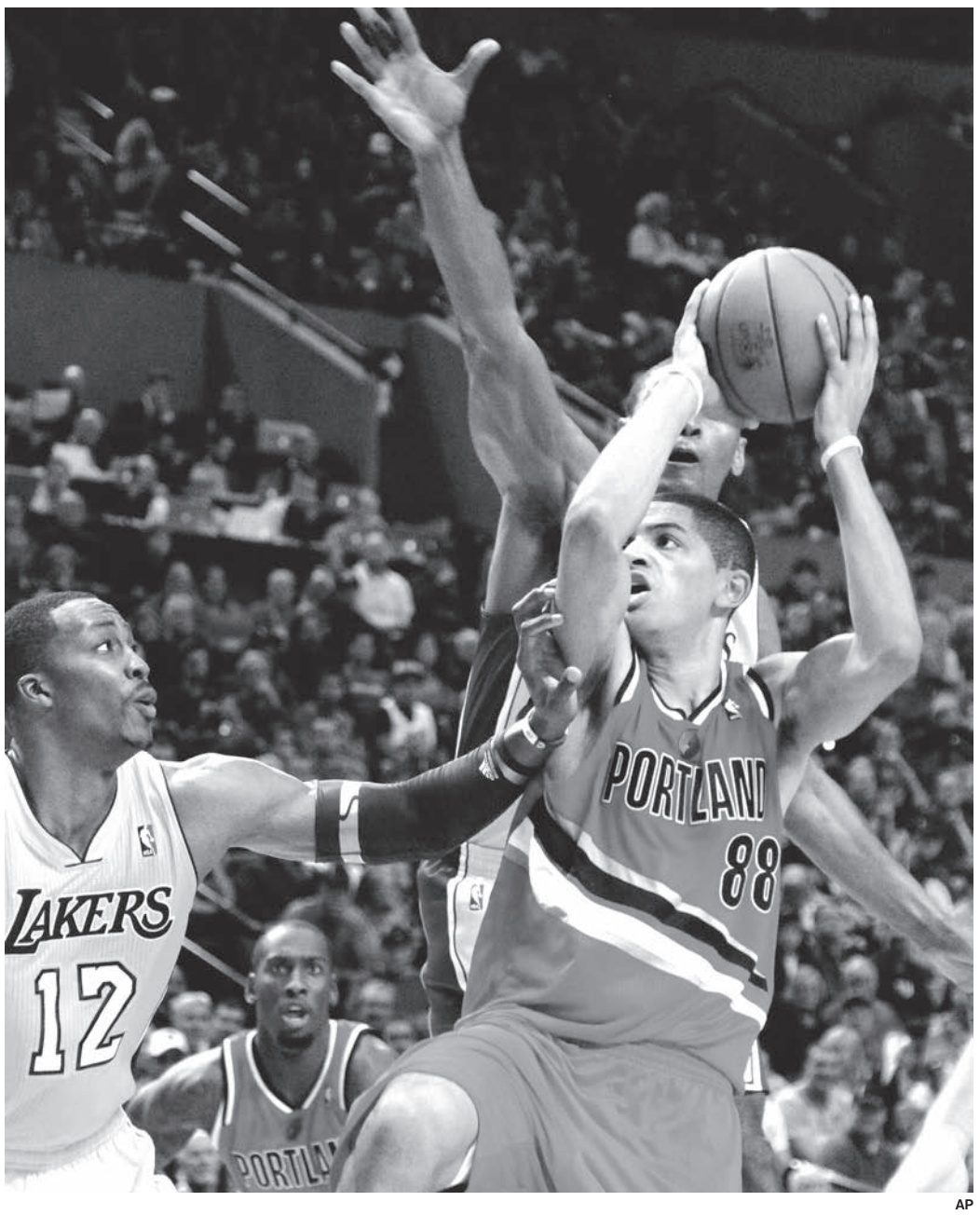

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Portland Trail Blazers forward Nicolas Batum, right, from France, drives to the basket against Los Angeles Lakers center Dwight Howard, left, and Metta World Peace during the second half of their NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012. Batum led the Blazers in scoring with 26 points as they defeated the Lakers, 116-106.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Dwight Howard's 33 points and 14 rebounds were not enough for the Los Angeles Lakers in a 116-106 loss to the inspired Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Nicolas Batum had 26 points and the Blazers led by as many as 19 in handing the Lakers their second straight loss to open the season. Damian Lillard, the sixth overall pick in the June draft, had 22 points and 11 assists in his NBA debut for Portland.

The Lakers' troubles were compounded by the loss of guard Steve Nash to what appeared to be a left knee injury late in the first half.

Nash, acquired by the Lakers this summer, collided with Lillard and limped to the locker room.

Clippers 101, Grizzlies 92

In Los Angeles, Jamal Crawford scored 29 points in 30 minutes in his first official game with his new team, and the Los Angeles Clippers converted 21 turnovers into 29 points Wednesday night in a 101-92 victory that extended the Memphis Grizzlies' NBA-record streak of opening-night losses to 12.

Blake Griffin and Chris Paul, who had 12 assists, were among six Clippers to score in double figures. The Clippers are 20-23 in season openers, 12-17 since moving from San Diego to Los Angeles in 1984. The Grizzlies are 2-16 on opening night, 0-12 since the franchise shifted from Vancouver to Memphis in 2001.

The Grizzlies got 25 points from Rudy Gay and 20 from Marc Gasol.

Rockets 105, Pistons 96

In Michigan, James Harden had 37 points and 12 assists in a stirring debut for Houston, and Carlos Delfino made four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to lift the Rockets to a 105-96 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Wednesday night.

Detroit led 83-72 early in the fourth, but Harden and Delfino brought the Rockets back. Houston acquired Harden on Saturday night in a trade with Oklahoma City and agreed Wednesday on a five-year, $80 million contract extension with him.

The reigning Sixth Man of the Year certainly looked worth it in the season opener.

Pacers 90, Raptors 88

In Toronto, George Hill scored the go-ahead basket with two seconds left, completing the Pacers' rally for a season-opening win over the Raptors.

David West scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, and Paul George had 14 points and 15 rebounds for the Pacers, who trailed 84-74 with just under six minutes left. Roy Hibbert added 14 points for Indiana.

Kyle Lowry led Toronto with 21 points, and Jonas Valanciunas had 12 points and 10 rebounds in his NBA debut. Andrea Bargnani had 16 points, and Jose Calderon added 15 for the Raptors.

Spurs 99, Hornets 95

In New Orleans, Tim Duncan scored 24 points, Tony Parker hit a huge 3-pointer, and the Spurs opened the season with a victory over the Hornets in the debut for top draft pick Anthony Davis.

Davis scored 21 points and grabbed seven rebounds, a promising start for the player who spent only one year at Kentucky, leading the Wildcats to the national title.

But the wily Spurs showed the rebuilding Hornets a thing or two.

After Davis made two free throws with 1:08 remaining to give New Orleans its final lead, 95-94, the Spurs closed strong. Parker connected from beyond the arc with 49.6 seconds left, finishing with 23 points.

Bulls 93, Kings 87

In Chicago, Joakim Noah scored 23 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and the Bulls got off to a good start without Derrick Rose, beating the Kings in the season opener.

Richard Hamilton added 19 points, while Carlos Boozer chipped in with 18 points and eight rebounds.

The Bulls are out to show they can get by while their superstar recovers from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, and this was promising even if it was a struggle.

Sixers 84, Nuggets 75

In Philadelphia, Spencer Hawes had 16 points and 12 rebounds to lead the 76ers to a win over the Nuggets.

Hawes had a crowd of nearly 20,000 fans chanting "Spen-cer Hawes!" in the fourth quarter after he turned back the Nuggets with a string of big baskets and blocked shots. Coming off the bench, Hawes had five blocked shots. Jrue Holiday had 14 and 11 assists, and Dorell Wright scored 14 points.

The Sixers won the opener with center Andrew Bynum out with a bone bruise on his right knee.

Jazz 113, Mavericks 94

In Salt Lake City, Mo Williams and Marvin Williams each scored 21 points to lead the Jazz to a victory over the Mavericks.

Paul Millsap added 15 rebounds and 13 points. Al Jefferson also had a double-double with 14 rebounds and 12 points.

The score was tied at 70 before Mo Williams hit back-to-back 3-pointers then scored on a driving layup. Marvin Williams followed with his second 3-pointer, putting Utah up 11 points with 2:57 left in the third. The Jazz led by as many as 20.

Darren Collison scored 17 points for the Mavs, who pulled off an upset win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday but couldn't match Utah's pace in the second half.

Warriors 87, Suns 85

In Phoenix, Carl Landry scored 14 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter and the Golden State Warriors overcame an awful post-contract night by Stephen Curry to beat the Suns in the teams' season opener.

Curry, who earlier in the day agreed to a four-year, $44 million extension with the Warriors, missed his first 10 shots from the field and wound up 2 of 14 with five points. He missed two free throws with 4.4 seconds left to allow the Suns a chance at a game-winning shot, but Sebastian Telfair's 3-point attempt came after the buzzer, and misfired anyway.

Nets-Knicks opener in Brooklyn postponed

NEW YORK (AP)—Barclays Center sits right above a major mass-transit hub, an ideal destination for fans throughout New York.

Not right now, though.

With those subways knocked out by Hurricane Sandy and no way of knowing how fans would get there, the city's mayor decided this isn't the time for a game.

So Michael Bloomberg asked the NBA to postpone Thursday's highly anticipated opener between the Knicks and Nets, and the league agreed Wednesday.

"It's a great stadium, it would have been a great game, but the bottom line is: There is not a lot of mass transit. Our police have plenty of other things to do," Bloomberg said at a news conference.

Barclays Center sits above the Atlantic Avenue subway station complex which hosts nine subway lines and a Long Island Rail Road station, and was expanded as part of the $1 billion arena's construction. The Nets believe that will be a major selling point in drawing fans to the games after they were plagued by poor attendance during their years in New Jersey.

But without knowing what —if any—subways would be available and with city officials still preferring people not drive into New York, the Nets agreed with the decision.

"We're disappointed that we can't play, but there's a lot more important things going on right now, a lot of people displaced from their homes, a lot of people lost loved ones. So in the grand scheme of things, a basketball game really doesn't mean much right now," Nets point guard Deron Williams told reporters after practice. "I think it'd be hard for a lot of people to even get to the game in the first place, with public transportation being shut down. I guess it makes sense to not have the game."

The Knicks are now scheduled to open their season at home Friday night against the Miami Heat. The Nets are scheduled to host Toronto on Saturday night.

Bloomberg said the city will work with the league to provide extra buses to Saturday's game in case the subways are not yet operational. Brett Yormark, the Nets' CEO, said in a statement that there would be food and beverage specials starting at 5:30 p.m.

The usual NBA policy on the status of a game is to play it if both teams and the three referees can make it to the arena. That wouldn't have been a problem, one of the reasons the league originally planned to play as scheduled.

However, the league also wanted to be sensitive because it was the Nets' first game, televised to a national TV audience on TNT, and didn't want the team's big event to be one that was largely empty.

Harden, Rockets agree to 5-year, $80M deal

HOUSTON (AP)—James Harden has agreed to a five-year, $80 million contract extension with the Houston Rockets.

The Rockets acquired the reigning Sixth Man of the Year in a stunning trade with Oklahoma City on Saturday night. Harden was in the starting lineup when Houston opened the regular season at Detroit on Wednesday night.

"We have him for this year and five more, so six years," Houston coach Kevin McHale said. "Our goal is to do a good enough job as a staff that we win, make the playoffs, develop the young guys and that we never, ever, ever come to camp again with 13 new guys."

Houston also picked up the options for forwards Marcus Morris and Patrick Patterson for the 2013-14 season. The Rockets have undergone a bit of an overhaul this season, adding Harden and guard Jeremy Lin.

Rockets general manager Daryl Morey called Harden a "foundational player" at his introductory news conference this week. He will become the featured player in Houston after three seasons in a supporting role behind Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook in Oklahoma City.

Harden averaged 16.8 points, 4.1 rebounds and 3.7 assists for the Thunder last season. He started only seven games in three seasons with Oklahoma City but became an indispensable reserve.

Morey acknowledged he was "shocked" that Harden was available, and said the deal came together within a few days last week. The Rockets have been trying to land a first-tier star for years, failing in an aggressive bid to sign Dwight Howard over the summer.

The Rockets were close to getting Pau Gasol before last season in a proposed deal that also would have sent All-Star guard Chris Paul to the Lakers. But NBA Commissioner David Stern, acting on behalf of the league-owned New Orleans Hornets, vetoed the deal that would have brought Lamar Odom to the Hornets, along with Luis Scola, Kevin Martin, Goran Dragic and a first-round pick.

McHale and Morey said before training camp began that the objective this season was making the playoffs. That remains the same, although with Harden on board, it seems much more reachable.

San Francisco goes orange, black for Giants parade

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Ecstatic baseball fans crammed the streets of San Francisco on Wednesday for a confetti-drenched parade and rally honoring the World Series champion Giants - a Halloween treat made even sweeter as a repeat performance from 2010.

Tens of thousands of people decked out in the team's holiday-appropriate orange and black stood 30 deep behind barriers, climbed trees, camped out overnight and mounted rooftops for a chance to see their favorite players wave from convertibles and get serenaded by Tony Bennett singing "I Left My Heart in San Francisco."

Giants Manager Bruce Bochy, who hoisted the World Series trophy from the back of a gold Rolls Royce during most of the 1 1/2-mile procession, credited fans and his players' "unselfish play" for helping to lift San Francisco to its second World Series victory in three years, an improbable double play for a franchise that had not won the title since 1954.

AP

San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy holds the World Series trophy as confetti falls during the baseball team's World Series victory parade, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012, in San Francisco.

"In 2010, we characterized the club as misfits that came together and got it done," Bochy told the roaring hordes gathered for the rally in Civic Center Plaza. He said the tagline of the 2012 Giants was "never say die," a reference to the team's come-from-behind, post-season dominance.

"I thank you for always being there, for never giving up," he said. "Thank you for showing up wherever we've been and making this one of the greatest moments of my life."

As with the 2010 parade, this year's two-hour edition drew a cross-section of the region's diversity. Children who were allowed to skip school squeezed cap-to-glove alongside older couples who had been Giants fans since the team arrived in San Francisco from New York in 1958.

Series MVP Pablo Sandoval, who swatted three home runs in his first three at bats in Game 1, and second baseman Marco Scutaro, who batted in the winning run of the game that clinched the title, addressed the throngs at the rally in Spanish.

"This is the second, but there are going to be a lot more," Sandoval said, expressing special thanks to the Bay Area's Latino community. "You should enjoy this and feel this in your hearts."

Casandra Buenrostro, 25, who arrived at the plaza at 5 a.m. so she could get pictures of Sandoval, did.

"He made me cry," Buenrostro said. "He's an inspiration."

Earlier in the day, clouds of black, orange and white confetti were shot from cannons positioned on roofs and along the canyon-like, skyscraper-lined street. Spectators and parade participants, who included legendary Giants alumni Willie Mays, Willie McCovey and Juan Marichal and politicians such as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, reveled in the showers.

The unifying energy of the Giants' latest victory was evident as San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex Smith drove the car carrying Giants pitcher Matt Cain and his family, while 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh did the honors for first baseman Brandon Belt.

The convertibles gave fans clean views along the parade route that began at the foot of Market Street near San Francisco Bay and ended on the steps of City Hall, across from the overflowing plaza.

"Since I was a kid, I wanted to play on the Giants and win a World Series. So it's fun to be here," said shortstop Brandon Crawford, who grew up in the Bay Area.

Star reliever Sergio Romo, wearing a T-shirt that read, "I just look illegal," whipped the roaring crowd into a frenzy when he got out of his convertible and mingled.

"It's unbelievable! Unbelievable! Just great!" said fired-up right fielder Hunter Pence, who was acquired in a midseason deal and led pregame pep talks. At the rally, Pence persuaded his teammates to jump around the stage to demonstrate the ritual he called the "slow-clap."

Yankees' Soriano opts out of contract

NEW YORK (AP)—Rafael Soriano is poised to leave the New York Yankees, Ervin Santana is headed to Kansas City and Ryan Ludwick plans to test the open market.

Soriano opted out of the final year of his $35 million, three-year contract Wednesday and will likely seek a long-term deal in free agency. The right-hander had 42 saves for the Yankees last season after longtime closer Mariano Rivera tore knee ligaments in early May.

Soriano was set to make $14 million next season and had until Wednesday to opt out. Instead, New York will pay him a $1.5 million buyout. The Yankees can make him a qualifying offer of $13.3 million before Friday's 11:59 p.m. EDT deadline and if Soriano signs with another team, they will get draft compensation.

"I'm not surprised because (agent) Scott Boras told me he was confident he could get him 15 times four (years), $60 million. If that's the case, it would be a good deal for Soriano," Yankees president Randy Levine told The Associated Press. "I hope that's what's real in the marketplace."

Soriano, who will be 33 in December, signed his hefty contract with New York before the 2011 season after notching a career-high 45 saves with Tampa Bay. He began his stint with the Yankees as a setup man, then took over as closer when Rivera was injured.

The Royals made their first move toward shoring up their shaky rotation, acquiring Santana from the Los Angeles Angels for minor league reliever Brandon Sisk.

Santana was an All-Star in 2008 and threw a no-hitter in 2011, but struggled with the long ball this year. He allowed a major league-worst 39 homers and went 9-13 with a 5.16 ERA - although he showed improvement in the second half of the season.

"We were able to scout Ervin during the entire year, specifically the second half," Royals general manager Dayton Moore said. "His August and September were really good. From a statistical standpoint, he was very good."

As part of the deal, the Angels sent $1 million to Kansas City. Los Angeles had exercised its $13 million option on Santana's contract for next season before trading him to the Royals.

The Royals declined their $8 million club option on closer Joakim Soria after he had elbow ligament-replacement surgery and missed last season. Soria will receive a $750,000 buyout.

Even though Soria, a two-time All-Star with 160 saves over five seasons, is a free agent, both sides have expressed interest in working out a new contract.

Ex-players reply to NFL's motion to dismiss cases

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Arguing that "football has become the site of perhaps the gravest health crisis in the history of sports," lawyers for thousands of former NFL players asked a judge to reject the league's bid to dismiss their lawsuits about concussions.

In a brief filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Philadelphia, the players dispute the league's framing of the cases as a labor issue that should be governed by the sport's collective bargaining agreements instead of the legal system.

Among the players' arguments: Relevant CBAs did not address long-term brain injuries, the NFL committed fraud by concealing risks of repeated head trauma, and the league has a common-law duty to protect players.

"The NFL knew that players were exposed to risks of severe neurological injuries, yet did nothing to prevent them," the brief says, adding that the league "failed to warn players about the dangers of concussive and sub-concussive impacts," did not advocate preventative rule changes and did not "implement equipment standards adapted for head trauma."

The league filed its motion to dismiss the lawsuits in August and now will have the chance to respond to the players' reply. The NFL repeatedly has stated publicly it did not intentionally mislead players and has tried to better protect their health.

More than 100 concussion lawsuits against the NFL have been brought together before U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody. Unless Brody agrees to dismiss them, or an umbrella settlement is reached, she probably would decide what evidence can be used at trial, whether a class can be certified for medical monitoring and other pretrial issues. The cases might then return to their home districts for trial.

In its motion two months ago, the NFL argued that the CBAs cover safety and health rules - while delegating to individual teams and their doctors the decisions about players' conditions and when they should return to play. The league also said the former players' suits lack specific proof that medical links between concussions and brain disease were concealed.

The players' response Wednesday says "a party cannot shirk its own duty by pointing to the duties of others" and that the "NFL deceived club doctors (as well as players) by insisting repeatedly that head trauma carried little long-term risk for football players."

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RFQ13-GOV-008

702 CIP Project Managers

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architect and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has current needs for project manager services and is anticipating additional requirements during part of 2012 and 2013 fiscal year. Specific project assignments are dependent upon needs of the Commonwealth and may include oversight of: project planning; permitting; design; construction activities; and close-out.

Selected architects and engineers ("Project Managers") will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within: cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement& Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. Three copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked "Project Manager Qualifications RFQ13-GOV-008."

Qualifications must be received prior to 11AM ChST of December 03, 2012 ("Closing Date") from individuals or firms residing within the Commonwealth. Individuals or firms residing outside the Commonwealth may receive an additional five (5) work days from the Closing Date for receipt of their qualifications, upon filing a notice of intent to submit qualifications ("Notice of Intent") with the Division of Procurement & Supply by 11AM ChST December 10, 2012.

Notice of Intent may be transmitted in any of the following forms: direct delivery; transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515; or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com; however, the individual or firm transmitting a Notice of Intent bears all risk of proper functioning of equipment. For proposers located outside the CNMI who have filed a Notice of Intent, all required documents must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service of the foreign country no later than the Closing Date and must be received no later than five calendar days after the Closing Date.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:
1. Past experience as a project manager – 70%
2. Interview – 30%
Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) with local matching funds. Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth.

Golf tourney helps Chamber reach target

Saipan Chamber of Commerce (SCC) president Doug Brennan announced the Chamber's goal to raise funds for next year's SCC college scholarship awards was achieved through proceeds at the 5th annual SCC Golf Tournament held last Saturday at Coral Ocean Point.

"With the tournament's proceeds and with funds raised at this year's SCC Corporate Challenge and the debate forums held this October, we've met our goal to award $10,000 in college scholarships in 2013. We couldn't have done it without the outstanding contributions made by our Chamber membership. We thank them so much," Brennan stated.

A total of $20,553.00 worth of prizes in cash and contributions led to 923 raffle tickets sold, 36 closest-to-the-pin tickets sold, and an additional 35 players on top of 19 hole sponsorships contributed by SCC Members. The Chamber will net over $4,000 towards the 2013 scholarship award program.

Brennan added, "We want to thank our Premium contributors, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and DFS Galleria. Our hole-in-one sponsors, Bank of Hawaii, Triple J Motors, Takagi & Associates and AON Insurance stepped up as they have done in the past."

SCC had hole sponsors totaling 19. Aside from those mentioned above, the list also included Microl Corporation, First Hawaiian Bank, ASC Trust, Ambyth Shipping Micronesia, Bank of Saipan, MITA, G4S Security Services, MCV, Saipan Stevedore Co., MARPAC, TakeCare Insurance, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan Shipping Company, Matson, IT&E, and Tan Holdings.

The SCC wants to thank all the companies that contributed raffle drawing prizes, advertising and the player drink stations: Coca Cola Company, Glimpses, Foremost Products, KKMP, Century Hotel, Triple J Enterprises, COP, D&Q Saipan, DataDot, Docomo Pacific, Fiesta Resort, Gold's Gym, Hard Rock Café, Hyatt Regency Saipan, IP&E, J. C. Tenorio Enterprises, Kanoa Club, Marfega Trading, McDonalds, NMC, 360 Revolving Restaurant, Safety 1st Systems CNMI, and Saipan Ice.

"To the winners of the $3,300 in cash awarded at the tournament, we want to give our most special thanks to Mr. Juan "Santiago" Tenorio for his heroic deeds," Brennan said. ***(PR)***

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She has been with the Bronco since 2010 and was part of BSU' 4x400m women's relay team that shattered the school's 23-year-old record. Bennett's 4x400m relay squad timed in at three minutes, 44.64 seconds to crush the 3:45.60 record by a BSU team in an indoor tournament in 1988. She competed in numerous races during the 2011-2012 season and was named All-Mountain West Academic Team honoree.

Wonenberg red-shirted for BSU in the 2011-2012 season and joined a cross country event last year. However, this year, she will be doing the javelin throw.

Yvette, on the other hand, is focusing on long jump.

"I had used my old times from CNMI track to qualify without having to tryout. Right now I'm working on doing the long jump. As track season goes by (outdoor season), I will also include the 100m and 200m meters. Long jump has been something I wanted to do and also my previous basketball coach Bill (Sewell) and my father both recommend I try it out as well," said Yvette, who is also dividing her time in studying and joining sports competitions and beauty pageants.

"I'm preparing for my next pageant, the 2013 Miss Idaho USA on Nov. 3. I want to thank the whole island for their great support and the love they have all shown me," said Yvette, who is majoring in communications and hopes to be a sports broadcaster one day.

Northern Marianas Athletics' Elias Rangamar, who coached the three when they were still here on Saipan, is happy that the Bennett siblings and Wonenberg continue to compete in track and field.

"We're proud and happy for them. We train our young athletes not only to let them represent the CNMI in international and regional competitions, but also to help them get athletics scholarships when they go to college," Rangamar said when informed of his former wards' stint with BSU during the NMA cross-country series opener last Saturday.

EDWIN

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"Edwin is very skillful at this age. He is the only player on the team who can play in full time. He is very enthusiastic in learning new tricks and he loves to challenge himself ***—Shirley's FC general secretary Puy Macario***

REGULAR

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Meanwhile, the junior varsity pairing was knotted in the first period, 6-6, before MHS awoke in the second quarter and postured a 22-12 favor at intermission. Dianne Pablo bunched together three baskets late in the second period, while six others contributed for MHS in the first half.

The Lady Dolphins then hit their stride after the break and imposed a daunting 40-18 margin heading into the final period. Notably, Southern's Ayana Ongelungel was factored out in the game so to speak, as he was held to 8 in the first two frames.

Patricia Echavez lit the wick for MHS with a three-pointer at the start of the third quarter and Pablo added 8 more markers to keep the charge.

Pablo led MHS' runaway victory with 16 points, while Ongelungel still managed a game-high 18 under duress.

JUNIOR VARSITY

MHS 52 – Pablo 16, Pena 9, Lopez 8, Abantao 4, Farro 4, Echavez 3, Abadilla 2, Caracut 2, Race 2, Santiago 2.

SSHS 26 – Ongelungel 18, Achas 6, Rogoyama 2.

Scoring by quarters: 6-6, 22-12, 40-18, 52-26.

VARSITY

MHS 93 – Abrams 22, Jeralyn Castillo 20, Williams 12, Jeraldine Castillo 11, Lizardo 9, Lumabi 9, Ada 4, Francisco 2, Guevarra 2, Olivos 2.

SSHS – Bartolo 13, Lizama 7, Bulawan 2, Indalencio 2.

Scoring by quarters: 32-5, 44-12, 58-17, 93-24.

GILLIAN

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*successful in holding a club's top team from scoring a goal despite a barrage of breakthroughs. Gillian has good ball control and speed and sees the field before her instead of just looking down at the ball. Gillian is always a positive person who laughs and jokes even with members of the other team. She is a great example of a team player who cheers for teammates while she is on the sidelines and plays hard when she is in the game. Gillian is a pleasure to coach."—****Gillian's coach Russ Quinn****.*

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	—
Brooklyn	0	0	.000	1/2
New York	0	0	.000	1/2
Boston	0	1	.000	1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1

Southeast Division

Miami	1	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	0	0	.000	1/2
Charlotte	0	0	.000	1/2
Orlando	0	0	.000	1/2
Washington	0	1	.000	1

Central Division

Cleveland	1	0	1.000	—
Indiana	1	0	1.000	—
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	1/2
Detroit	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	1	.500	1/2
Memphis	0	1	.000	1
New Orleans	0	1	.000	1

Northwest Division

Portland	1	0	1.000	—
Utah	1	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	1/2
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	1/2
Denver	0	1	.000	1

Pacific Division

Golden State	1	0	1.000	—
L.A. Clippers	1	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	0	1	.000	1
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1
L.A. Lakers	0	2	.000	1 1/2

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LOCAL SCORES

2012 NMIFA FALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

U15 GIRLS

Team	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	P
Matansa	4	0	0	6	2	4	12
Shirley's	3	1	1	19	9	10	10
MPU	2	1	2	13	12	1	7
Paire	2	0	4	7	14	-7	6
Tan Holdings	0	0	4	2	9	-7	0

U15 BOYS

MPU	5	0	0	44	1	43	15
Matansa	2	2	0	16	6	10	8
Paire	2	1	3	8	13	-5	7
Shirley's	0	1	4	3	26	-23	1
Tan Holdings	0	0	3	3	28	-25	0

BOYS U18

Paire	5	0	1	21	7	14	15
Tan Holdings	3	1	1	19	14	-5	10
MPU-2	2	1	1	20	7	13	7
MPU-1	1	0	4	9	19	-10	3
Matansa	0	0	4	3	28	-25	0

Pacesetters stretch lead in fall league

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Paire, MP United, and Matansa strengthened their hold to the spot spots in their respective divisions in the 2012 NMIFA Youth Fall League after besting separate opponents last Saturday.

In the boys U18, Paire remained in first place after crushing Matansa FC, 11-1, at the Oleai Sports Complex. The division leader now has a 5-0-1 win-draw-loss card and 15 points in the team standings, five markers ahead of the second-running Tan Holdings FC (3-1-1).

Ethan Dickinson had a hattrick for Paire, while Joel Fruit, Timothy Tawanpiy, and Thomas Lee had two each to team up in their demolition of Matansa. Sean Perez gave Matansa (0-0-4) its lone goal in last weekend's match.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Matansa FC player tries to kick the ball back inside the pitch during their game against Paire FC in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA fall league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Tan Holdings 8, MP United-1 2

The other U18 game also had a lopsided result with Tan Holdings FC whipping MP United-1.

Eight different players made it to the scoreboard for Tan Holdings to hand the team its third win. Jeff Cheon drained the first goal for Tan Holdings, followed by Woo Seok Choi, Joshua Galarion, Kenneth Domingo, Tanapon Unasa, Thanyakorn Konkoed, Kautong Omengkar, and Isaac Anderson.

Nam Ki Kim and Jake Lee were the only two players to score for MP United-1, which fell to a 1-0-4 slate and absorbed its third loss in a row.

BOYS U15
MP United 9, Shirley's 0

In last Friday's second game in the boys U15 at the Oleai pitch, MP United shut out Shirley's.

MP United retained its perfect record (5-0-0) and extended its lead against Matansa (2-2-0) to 7 points, as the former has already collected 15 against the latter's 8. Shirley's is in fourth place in the five-team field with its dismal 0-1-4 card.

Brian Lee and Scott Kim had twin goals each in MP United's fifth win, while Greg Sablan, Jesus Quitano, John Taisacan, and Daniel Lim contributed one apiece.

Matansa 2, Paire 2

Matansa failed to gain some ground against MP United after settling for a draw against Paire in the other boys U15 match.

Paire, which kept pace with Matansa with its 2-1-3 card, scored the first goal of game off Delen Reusora's conversion right at the start of the second half. Sean Perez then equalized with a goal in the 49th minute and Matansa went on to take a 2-1 lead after Yoshi Ray Mafnas found the back of the net in the 62nd minute.

Ivan Seo tied the game anew with his goal in the 70th and the game remained in a deadlock as both teams hung tough on defense in the remaining 20 minutes of the match.

GIRLS U15
Matansa 1, Paire 0

Matansa kept its distance against Shirley's FC after edging Paire in the first game in the girls U15 division at the Hopwood Junior High School last Saturday.

Maile Aldrich scored the winning goal in the second half for Matansa, which owns a spotless 4-0-0 slate for a 2-point lead over Shirley's FC (3-1-1-).

Paire dropped to a 2-0-4 record and remains in fourth place in the five-team field.

Shirley's 5, MP United 3

Shirley's took the solo second place after downing MP United (2-1-2) in the other girls U15 tiff last weekend.

Marielle Gariguez and Diana Maniacop logged two goals each for Shirley's, which drew one goal from Alexa Vergara.

Kayla Ito and Jan-Nasia Travilla nailed one goal apiece for MP United in the first half for the standoff. However, Shirley's claimed the win after Maniacop got her second goal in the second half and Vergara also scored, while Ito was the only MP United player to light up the scoreboard in that frame.

Voyagers reign supreme; Titans II stays on top

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The IT&E Voyagers of SOS Bar & Grill ruled the Tuesday division of the Saipan Billiards Association's 15th Budweiser Open 8-Ball League.

The IT&E Voyagers, who won the past two editions of the competition, pulled off a threepeat last week after finishing the summer-fall season with a 136-74 record. The three-time champions are composed of Roman Rodriguez, RJ Masacaranas, Luis Fajardo, Rolly Villanueva, Marc Brian Nelvis, Arjay Nonato, Harris Enriquez, and Mario Espinosa.

They secured the title last week after routing the fourth-ranked Docomo Pacific Home Boyz (120-90), 11-4, in a road match at Joe's Steakhouse and taking a two-game lead over Utopia Sports Bar's Blue Ice Hustlers (134-76).

The Blue Ice Hustlers did all they could to come from behind and skunked Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's Triggers (83-127) on the road, 15-0, but still fell short.

In other results, the IT&E's Incredibles (129-81) of Oceanside Bar & Grill secured third place with a 9-6 road win over 19th Hole's Titans I (79-131), while Crazy 8 (77-133) ended the season on a high note by overcoming Yuichiros Printing (82-128), 10-5, at home in Poseidon Bar & Grill.

IT&E Incredibles' Chester Hamoy led the division in wins with 23 and notched 25 assists, behind by only one against his teammate Marc Butac.

Other notables include Blue Ice Hustlers' Jerry Soriano, who accrued 20 wins with a league-high 27 assists, Docomo's Nolan Cultura (20/16), Blue Ice Hustlers' Erwin Gomez (19/21) and Pangelinan (16/23), IT&E Voyager's Nelvis (19/20) and Fajardo (16/23).

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Players of the 19th Hole Bar's Titans II pose for a group photo during a break in their game in the Thursday league of the SBA 8-ball competition last week.

Hamoy also ran the table a league-mark seven times, while honorable mention goes out to Soriano (6) Docomo Homeboyz duo' Nolan Cultura (5) and Juancho Mendoza (5).

Soriano has also managed to sink the 8-ball on the break one time, sharing the honors with Yuichiros' Mario Diola, Titans I's Ron Chisato, IT&E Incredibles' Butac, Chester Cuento and Ghelmark Cabrera, Docomo Home Boyz' Robert Sanciangco, and IT&E Voyagers' Nonato.

Meanwhile, the 19th Hole Bar's Titans II is leading the Thursday field by only three games and hopes to end the season on top next week.

The Titans II bowed to Bammy's Equalizers (131-79) at home, 7-8, but clings to first place with its 134-76 record.

The Waterfront's Eight It! (115-95) is positioned in third place after working out an 8-7 road win over the fourth-ranked Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack (93-117), while 19th Hole-Caboose Eagles (65-145) pulled off an 8-7 upset over Team SCS (92-118) in a road match held at Jonny's Bar & Grill

With two rounds of matches left in the season, Titans II's Rodel Dela Cruz has tallied 22 wins and 22 assists, which are both league-highs, while other notables include Team SCS's Erwin Gomez (21-17), Titans II's Chester Cuento (20/16), Eight It!'s Soriano (19/21), Titans II's Rick Elefante (19/18), Equalizers' Rowel Mariano (18/21), Eight It!'s Frankie Blas (17-18), and Equalizers' Senen Pangelinan (16/21) and Primo Ferrera (16/17).

Gomez has run the table a league-high five times thus far, two more than Equalizers' Soriano, while Pangelinan has also cleaned up shop twice.

In addition, Soriano, the Eagles' Ken Phillips, and Team SCS's Rick Reyes have each pocketed the 8-ball on the break once.

SOS Fantastic Baby heads Masters league

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SOS Bar & Grill's Fantastic Baby!, Sands Bar's Lupeyt, Jonny's Bar & Grill's Kyodai, and Bammy's Restaurant & Bar's DJ Fish are the pacesetters in Saipan Electronic Darts Association's 2012 Summer/Winter Bud Light Open Dart League.

Fantastic Baby! routed, bottom feeder Sand's Bar Juvy Especialist (65-156), 14-3, on the road to extend its lead in the Masters division to 18 games and continues to pull away from the pack with its142-79 record.

Joe's Steakhouse's Dart Seekers (124-97) moved into second place with a strong 11-6 road win at Es'y Kitchen over fourth-ranked Diamond Force (120-101), while VFW Post 3457's Maharot Crew (123-98) dipped into the third slot by just one game despite a solid 10-7 nod on the road over SOS' The Joker (116-105).

In other results, Oceanside Bar & Grill's Destroyers (118-103) thumped the SOS's Mixblood Rookies (76-145), 14-3, at home.

Season notables include a 170-high in by Fantastic Baby!'s Joshua Wodson and a 145-high out by the Destroyers' Eric Pascual.

In the C division, Lupeyt defeated Oceanside's Shottas (84-111), 10-5, at home to improve to a 132-63 slate.

Just two games back in the passenger seat resides Bammy's Zyndikato (130-65), which whipped a 13-2 home rout over Sands' Juvy Aschoascho (57-138), while the rest of the field are needing some ground to cover if they want to pose a threat to the former.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
SOS Bar & Grill's Fantastic Baby! players gather for a group photo before their game in the Masters division of the SEDA 2012 Summer/Winter Bud Light Open last week.

The remaining results include third-ranked Naked Fish Bar & Grill's Hafa Mas (121-74) narrowly making it past Joker Royal (113-82); 8-7, at home; Island Apparel's OH! MG (91-104) brushing off Oceanside's Shooters M-Side (57-138), 11-4, on the road; and VFW's Warriors (103-92) evading Jonny's Sparks (87-108), 8-7, at home.

Notables include a 152-high in by Zyndikato's Chester Hamoy and a 140-high out by Joker Royal's Francisco Palacios. Hamoy, coincidentally, is the highest ranked player according to the individual statistics, holding 19.28 points per dart, 2.8 per round, and a weighted average of 50.4.

In the B Flame Tree, Kyodai worked out an 11-4 road win over Bammy's ToK'Ka Hao (87-108) to improve to a 133-62 card.

Nine games back in second place comes Joe's Real Deal (124-71), which went into Sands' and crushed the Refalauans (57-138), 14-1. The third-ranked Naked Fish's Team Exotic (119-76) defeated Joe's Dart K'nhytes (81-114), 10-5, on the road, while Bammy's Lilapuching (96-99) went into VFW and bested the Dutty Gunz (83-112), 9-6.

Notables include a 152-high in by Kyodai's Tony Tomokane and a 155-high out by Refalauans' Polly Omechelang.

In the B Fanihi, DJ Fish spanked Oceanside's Shooters (77-118), 12-3, at home and imposed an 18-game gap ahead of the field with its 126-69 record.

Joe's Oneshot (108-87) currently leads a tight race for second chair despite enduring a 6-9 road loss at Naked Fish to the third-ranked IT&E Na'Gupu (107-88).

Esy's Kitchen Darters (106-89) are close behind after working out a 12-3 road victory over Jonny's-Caboose Rehab (72-103), while Es'y's Taya Guaha (80-115) upset VFW's Naughty Boyz (104-91), 9-6, at home.

Notables include a 160-high in by Naughty Boyz' John Cabrera and a 121-high out by Oneshot's Scott Guerrero.

Ride 'Round the Ridge on Sunday

The 3rd Annual Ride 'Round the Ridge will be held this Sunday with the start and finish line set at the Saipan Radar Station in As Matuis.

Registration begins at 6:30am, while the race starts at 7:30am. Entrance fee is only $10 and each bikers will get a race certificate, t-shirt, and hat. Riders can also win various raffle prizes after the competition.

According to race organizer Brad Ruszala, the course will have bikers leaving Radar to go down the coral road from the top of the As Matuis ridgeline down to the Sirena and Kalaberra Cave, and emerge from the shadows of Suicide Cliff along the double-track course at the Bird Island Lookout. A glance to the right will provide a breathtaking view of Saipan's untouched wilderness and unrivaled beauty.

The course continues along the paved road until bikers reach the Kimikaze Trail. Bikers then will turn left to single-track and daunting climb along the most technical section of the course. Once on top bikers must turn left onto the paved road that leads to Suicide Cliff and pedal down 300 meters of straightaway before turning left onto the coral road leading to Marianas Country Club.

Bikers will next go to the one million-gallon water tank before turning left once again and climbing towards the Radar Station for the finish. Participants in the championship division will have to do two laps of the course, while sports division bikers only have to ride only once.

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3 CNMI track stars reunited

Yvette Bennett

Yvonne Bennett

Wonenberg

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Former CNMI Athletics Team members Yvonne and Yvette Bennett and Jacque Wonenberg are reunited at Boise State University, as the trio suits up for the Bronco track team in the season-opening Jackson Open and Multi at the Jackson Indoor Complex in Nampa, Idaho, later this month.

ATHLETES ABROAD

Yvonne and Wonenberg were the first two to make the BSU track squad, as Yvette just earned a slot on the team this fall semester and the Nov. 30 to Dec. 1 tournament will be the first time they will compete together in one event.

"The opportunity to have all of us in one team again is endless, we feel more encouraged by one another and more at home ," Yvonne said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

The three CNMI athletes last teamed up for the Commonwealth during the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau, winning the 4x100m and 4x400m relay races and several other individual events.

Yvonne is the most senior BSU member among the three CNMI athletes and will be racing in the 100m, 200m, and 400m runs.

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Regular season sweep for MHS

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MISO Marianas High School's varsity and junior varsity teams secured perfect records in the 2012-2013 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Basketball League.

The Lady Dolphins clobbered Saipan Southern High School's Lady Manta Rays, 93-24, last Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium to finish the regular season of the varsity division with a 6-0 record, while MHS signed off with its fourth victory in as many games after doubling up Southern in the junior varsity play, 52-26.

With Southern's loss in the varsity division, the Lady Rays ended up tied with the Mount Carmel School' Lady Knights and Kagman High School's Lady Ayuyus with their identical 2-4 records. In the junior varsity division, Southern settled for a second place with its 2-2 card, while winless KHS (0-4) rounded out the third and final spot.

With the regular season over, league organizers have set the playoffs on Nov. 16 and 17. If Tinian and/or Rota's representative teams appear in the playoffs, they will be automatically issued the third and fifth seeds on the bracket via a random drawing.

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Marianas High School's Lovely Francisco sneaks a shot in between two Saipan Southern High School defenders during their varsity game in the MISO caging last Wednesday at the MHS Gymnasium.

Playing in their last game in the regular season, the Lady Dolphins showed no mercy to the Lady Rays and immediately pulled away, 32-5.

Center Rachel Abrams and point guard Jeralyn Castillo made most of the damage for MHS in the first quarter, as they teamed up for 19 points in the early surge. Vanessa Bartolo netted all of Southern's five markers in the opening period.

The Lady Dolphins eased up a little in the second quarter, but still extended the gap to 32, at halftime, 44-12, as its do-it-all shooting guard Jeraldine Castillo and Marlene Lumabi combined for 12 in that period. Czarina Lizama scrambled for a handful of checks for Southern.

After setting the tone in the first half, MHS coasted through the third quarter, as it tripled up its opponents, 58-17, off Abrams and Jeralyn Castillo' jumpers.

Then instead of putting the game on ice in the fourth, the Lady Dolphins employed a full court press to completely demoralize the Lady Rays. Southern struggled just to get the ball to its side of the court and as the final minutes approached MHS could not help but notice that it almost hit the century mark so it shifted to full steam ahead to the buzzer.

Abrams and Jeralyn Castillo tallied 22 and 20 points respectively, way ahead of the 20 markers of Bartolo and Lizama.

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NMIFA YOUTH PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Name: **Gillian Villagomez**
Age Group: **U12**
Team: **MP United-Blue**
Position: **Midfielder**
Jersey No.: **#22**
Years of Playing Experience: **7 years**
Village: **Garapan**
School: **Whispering Palms**
Grade: **6th**
Favorite Player or Team: **US Women's Olympic Team**

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: I started playing when the football youth program began on Saipan in mid 2000.

Q: Why do you like to play football?

A: It's fun and I like it because it's a team sport.

Q: What are your greatest football achievements?

A: Making it to the CNMI U13 National Girls Football Team and traveling to Nanjing, China in June 2012.

Q: What other message can you share with the football community?

A: I would like to encourage more kids to come out and play football.

"Gillian heads an all girls defensive back line nicknamed "Girl Power." They were once

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Name: **Edwin Kim**
Age Group: **U12**
Team: **Shirley's FC**
Position: **Striker**
Jersey No.: **#24**
Years of Playing Experience: **3 years**
Village: **Susupe**
School: **Mount Carmel School**
Grade: **6th**
Favorite Player or Team: **Wayne Rooney/Arsenal**

Q: How did you become interested in football?

A: I started playing with my friends on the street and later joined Shirley's FC. My dad then decided to coach the club so I stay on the team.

Q: Why do you like to play football?

A: I like playing a team sport, like football. I like how players play aggressive at the pitch.

Q: What are your greatest football achievements?

A: I scored our team's first goal of the season in the last minute.

Q: What other message can you share with the football community?

A: I hope more children will get involved in soccer and we can have better training facility for each club in the future.

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